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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5
7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast
SUNDAY, JANUARY 6
8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worships
9:30 A.M. Church School
5:30 P.M. Bell Choir
5:45 P.M. Bible Study
6:30 P.M. Chi Rho & CYF
7:00 P.M. Evening Worship
MONDAY, JANUARY 7
10:00 A.M. Study Group
TUESDAY, JANUARY 8
11:30 A.M. Rebecca Group, Lucky Steer Resturant
7:30 P.M. BOARD OF TRUSTEES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9
9:30 A.M. New Life for the Church Class
THURSDAY, JANUARY 10
9:30 A.M. Rachel Group
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS:
CANNED FRUIT, SOUP, CEREAL,
PEANUT BUTTER, CRACKERS

CHURCH GROWTH

Church Growth can happen through First Christian IF

1) We really want to grow as a congregation;

2) We will apply growth principlea;

3) We will pay the price in study, training, investing, and effort.

Church Growth is not for self-aggrandizement or for the thrill of something different, but rather comes out of the unswerving purpose of God to give all persons life abundant and eternal through Jesus Christ and his functioning body, the church. The Bible from beginning to end bears witness to God's purpose to save persons and transform life.

We hope and pray that every member and friend of First Christian will move to the strong conviction that God's will is for the Body of Christ to grow!

SING IT! Note the Hymn of the Month on page 3 which we will use in worship during January. Memorize the words! Sing it with vigor and enthusiasm! Let each

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SERVING JANUARY 6

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Mark Snyder and Charles Ludwig

10:45 A.M. Robert Rayl and Bert Leversee

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. K. Place-SW, E. Brown-NW, S. Watson, A. Lee

10:45 A.M. S. Allen-SW, E. Conrad-NW, C. Crowe-NE, M. Finkhousen-SE G. Davis, M. Akers, L. York, V. Taylor

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, S. Keebortz, T. Sauerwein

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson, G. Bozarth, R. Jackson

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. M. Hartman - B. Grimm
G. Bruckman - E. Klepfer
R. Johnson - K. Taylor

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Rose Jenkins & Eunice Conrad

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

The Robert Orr Family

NURSERY WORKERS

10:45 A.M. B. & M. Hix

EXTENDED SESSION

NUR. II - D. & B. Short
NUR. III - L. Jackson & N. Lucas
K-1 - J. Jenkins

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: M312 Mr. Wendall Glass
M319 Mr. Robert Chevalier
594 Mr. Robert Hendricks
PARKVIEW: 409 Mrs. Ethel Lahmon

TO NURSING FACILITY:

Mrs. Edna Clark is now in Room 109 at Fort Wayne Healthcare Center, 2001 Hobson Road.

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED to Mrs. Ethel Birkhold in the death of her brother in California last week.

SOCK AND MITTEN TREE

Donations received included: 10 caps, 1 scarf & cap set, 1 cap and glove set, 9 pairs of gloves, 7 pairs of socks, and 1 set of booties. THANKS FOR SHARING TO CHILDREN NEEDING!

YOUNG COUPLES CLASS

Judy Church begins as teacher this Sunday in the East Parlor. All couples in their 20's are urged to be present as this group renews itself with a new teacher, "LET THE CHURCH GROW!" will be the study for the coming quarter.

THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Friends:

I wish to express my sincere thanks for the many nice courtesies of love and concern that you have shown to me in recent months--for the calls, cards, cookies, etc. Most of all that I have your prayers. I hope the church can look forward to a blessed 1980.

God bless and keep you all.

With love,
Elna Taylor

In appreciation to First Christian Church members and Dr. Cline for the many kindnesses while in the hospital and since returning home, cards, calls, flowers, fruit and many other things too numerous to mention. You have helped to make it one of the nicest Christmas I have had since I lost Walter.

May God bless you all is my prayer.

Ethel Birkhold

JANUARY HYMN OF THE MONTH -- "GO, MAKE OF ALL DISCIPLES"

"Go, make of all disciples." We hear the call, O Lord,
That comes from thee, our Father, in thy eternal Word.
Inspire our ways of learning through earnest, fevent prayer,
And let our daily living reveal thee everywhere.

"Go, make of all disciples." Baptizing in the name of Father, Son,
and Spirit from age to age the same.
We call each new disciple to follow thee, O Lord,
Redeeming soul and body by water and the Word.

"Go, make of all disciples." We at thy feet would stay
Until each life's vocation accents thy holy way.
We cultivate the nature God plants in every heart,
Revealing in our witness the master teacher's art.

HRISTMAS OUTREACH

Our special Christmas offering or others totalled $800 and our ifts with the Christmas Cards on isplay in the Narthex amounted to 265 for the Flinn Home for Aged in arion and $265 for the Cleveland hristian Home for children. Thnks to all who enabled these two xpressions of outreach concern!

CHOOL OF CHRISTIAN GROWTH

Enrollment forms were included ith the announcement last week. lease sign up as soon as possible or the needed supplies, child care rovision, and other needs in offering the various options. May ou find the learning through these xperiences of study and stimulaion and relationship!

TREASURER'S REPORTS NEEDED

The forms for all current accounts of church organizations for 1979 need to be turned into the office no later than Sunday, January 13 and preferably before that day. The earlier the better!

MATERIALS NEEDED

The Second and Third grade Sunday School Class is collecting granola bars and clothing to send to Marope Moducanelle in Botswana, S. Africa. Clothing can be placed in the closet of room 132. Please give granola bars to Sharon Pauley or leave in the church office.

Donations for mailing costs are quite welcome. Postage costs 64¢ per pound.

The Deborah Group will be packing these things during their regular meeting at the church on Tuesay, January 15 at 7:30 P.M. The meeting will be hosted by Susan Knuckles

CHURCH GROWTH (from page one)

phrase echo back across your mind and heart!

HEAR IT! Hear these six sermons:

Jan. 6 - "GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES" Matthew 28:18-20; John 17:1-26.

Jan. 13 - "EMPOWERED FOR WITNESS" Luke 24:44-49; Acts 1:1-14

Jan. 20 - "DISCERNING THE BODY" I Corinthians 11:27-32; Romans 12:1-8.

Jan. 27 - "THE BIBLE SUGGESTS: 'OIKOS' EVANGELISM" Acts 20:20, Luke 10:7, Acts 16:31, Acts 10:1-11:18.

Feb. 3 - "GET CHANGED, GET TOGETHER, GET GOING" Romans 1:1-17.

Feb. 10 - Laity Sunday - "WHAT GOD IS DOING IN FIRST CHRISTIAN"

TALK IT!

From 7:00 to 8:00 each Sunday evening will be a sermon dialogue based on the morning Sermon. Ralph and Judy Church and others will be leading this interaction. This begins on January 6 and continues through February 10.

STUDY IT!

The Young Couples, Christians Under Construction, and Harmony Church School Classes are each beginning a 13 week special study, "LET THE CHURCH GROW!" at 9:30 A.M. this Sunday. They will gather for a 15 minute film, "SOLO" at 9:45 A.M. this week as a part of this kickoff on a special study unit by each group.

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THE OPPORTUNITY . . . to see our church exploding with life and vitality . . . reaching out and winning people . . . making disciples and responsible members . . . expanding new horizons . . . Christians enthusiastically involved in the ministry and outreach of our church . . . that's our opportunity . . . . THAT'S CHURCH GROWTH.

IMPORTANT BOARD MEETING

Our first meeting of 1980 will be held at 7:30 P.M. on Tuesday, January 8 - every member is needed. Action on the 1980 Working Budget and other issues for consideration.

ERROR IN RECENT LETTER

In the final Pony Express report letter we should have had 98 new Estimates of Giving rather than 78. Sorry for the mistake!

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER
JANUARY 6-12, 1980
Miles Dirver (6)
Eva Rousseau (6)
Pauline Meadows (7)
Ken Taylor (7)
Jim Heiney (8)
Bill Schilling, Jr. (8)
Julius Clausen (8)
Mrytle DeVinney (10)
Gwynth Rice (10)
Mike Callahan (10)
Carolyn Hendricks (11)
Julia (Quinn) Cooke (11)
Richard Lytle (11)
OVERSEAS STAFF FOR PRAYER DURING JANUARY: David & Mary Luo, teachers at the Bangkok Institute of Theology in Thailand.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13
8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worships
9:30 A.M. Church School
5:30 P.M. Bell Choir
6:45 P.M. Bible Study
6:30 P.M. Chi Rho & CYF
7:00 P.M. Evening Worship

MONDAY, JANUARY 14
7:30 P.M. Martha Group, Sandy Zimmerman, 4223 Beaver

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15
7:30 P.M. Deborah Group, at the church

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16
9:30 A.M. New Life For the Church Class

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS: CRACKERS, MEAT, SOUP, P-NUT BUTTER, CANNED FRUIT, CEREAL

CALL TO STUDY AND WORSHIP!

1980 opened with 304 in worship and 156 in Church School. Every member and friend is challenged to regular participation in Church School and Worship every Lord's Day! Regular involvement allows for maximum experience and builds enthusiasm and encouragement for others.

We also urge each person to be inviting and bringing others with them to church. The inside of a strange church is foreboding to a visitor many times unless someone with warmth and caring helps to build a bridge of relationship and warmth.

Nine adult classes yearn for others to join them in their various groupings plus graded classes from birth through high school. There is a place for each person to find relationships and learning and growth in our church school

The sermon at the 8:15 A.M. and 10:45 A.M. Worship Hours will be "EMPOWERED FOR WITNESS" - Read and ponder Luke 24:44-49 and Acts 1:1-14 in preparation. A Dialogus session on the sermon will be held at the 7:00 P.M. informal Evening Worship in the Parlor.

Special music on Sunday will be a trio both morning hours composed of Becky Stucky, Judi Hoagland, and Sara Davis with the Chancel Choir singing at 10:45 A.M.

SERVING JANUARY 13

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Mildred Hartman and William Franklin

10:45 A.M. Barbara Short and Ben Taylor

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Keebortz-SW, B. Pauley-NW, B. Schilling, D. Johnson

10:45 A.M. M. Tobias-SW, J. Stucky-NW, R. Jenkins-NE, T. Harter-SE, P. Mullen, B. Mettler, W. Bowen

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, Tim Evans, W. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson, M. Callahan, J. Glasgow

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Rose Jenkins and Eunice Conrad

ACOLYTES

Melissa Orr and Kristin Byers

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Ben and Val Taylor

NURSERY WORKERS

10:45 A.M. C. Falbe, L. Jump

EXTENDED SESSION

NUR. II - D. & B. Short

NUR. III - L. Jackson, N. Lucas

K-1 - J. Jenkins

GIVING COUNTERS

Ron Flickinger & Herb Banet

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

M312 - Mr. Wendall Glass

M317 - Mr. Robert Chevalier

M123 - Mr. Arza Smith

594 - Mr. Robert Hendricks

M203 - Mrs. Gladys Beal

ST. JOSEPH:

204 - Mrs. Winnie May Ferguson

PARKVIEW:

343 - Mr. Glen Edington

409 - Mrs. Ethel Lahmon

DECEMBER AVERAGES:

Worship	321
Church School	132
Through-the-Week ed.	25
Budget Giving	$ 3,688.74

1979 COMPARED TO 1978

	1979	1978
Worship	283	269
Church School	129	120
Through-Week-Ed.	44	33
Budget Giving	$2,836	$2,492
Transfers in	26	17
Conf. & Bap.	12	6

D.M.A. FOR JANUARY

A noon potluck will be shared at 12:00 on Tuesday, January 22 for all in our D.M.A. This is open to any widow, widower, retiree, or senior citizen. Hosting will be Earl & Reba Fusselman, Esther Whitton, and Delmas Young.

Paul Waugh will be showing more of his travel movies which he has taken and edited for filming. The group was delighted with his showing in November and have scheduled him for January.

Come and hear planning for the year which includes such trips as Battle Creek and Marshall Michigan, Shipshewana, Indianapolis, Marion, and Warsaw!

THANK YOU

" I want to thank so many who called on me, sent cards, showed concern through prayer while I was in the hospital and Healthcare Center. I especially thank Dr. Cline, the carolers and the gifts from groups at Christmas. God bless you! Arthur Mowery

STRONG GIVING COMPLETES 1979

The last week of the year included over $6,000 in Budget Giving plus a special gift which paid off our loan for the storm windows. We rejoice in the faithfulness expressed by many to end the year strongly even though we did not overcome all the deficit.

The strong giving allowed all operating bills to be paid as well as the full loan remaining on the storm windows. Our total budget giving for 1979 was $147,488.35 which was $15,361.57 over our previous high during 1978.

This total was $9,357.65 less than our budget goal of $156,806. The shortage prevented $2,000 for parking lot maintenance, door replacement, maintenance of $1,000, and contributed to no second staff person for December. The outreach cut $168 from Associated Churches, $128 from Week of Compassion, $146 from Reconciliation, and $1,305.66 from Basic Mission Finance for Overseas and Homeland Ministries, Educational Institutions, Benevolent homes, and general and regional work. Other shortcuts were also made to limit expenditures in light of the shortage which held sway the final months of the year.

We do rejoice that the final surge of giving in November and December enabled current obligations to be paid in full including the large annual insurance bill. We move into a new year with expectations strong in light of the large number of estimates of giving coming out of our Pony Express. We mailed many more envelopes sets than in recent years.

CALL FOR INQUIRERS CLASS

Persons seeking to know "What It Means to be a Christian?" and in particular "What It Means to be a Christian within First Christian Church of Fort Wayne?" are encouraged to sign up now for the Inquirer's Class which will begin on Sunday afternoon, January 20 from 3:15 to 5:15 for ten sessions. Basics of Bible Reading, prayer, worship, relationships, finding ministry, and challenges for experimentation are included. The course is intended for every member and friend of First Christian at one time or another. Why not participate this season???? Basic information is shared for anyone considering commitment to Christ and/or First Christian Church. It is also designed for growth of members. Registration is $2.00 towards the notebook and materials which will be given during the series.

Call the church office to register! Sign one of the forms mailed or available in the entry ways! Contact Dr. Cline for questions or information and registration also!

CASSETTE TAPES AVAILABLE

The full worship hour including the sermon by George Wascovich of November 13, 1977 is now available. This was our Celebration Sunday observing the 25th Anniversary of our Building Dedication. Twenty were reserved at that time. Beyond that number, it is first-come, first-serve. Cost is $2. per tape. These can be secured at the church office. Reserved tapes are for: J. Weicker, M. Bixenman, P. Buskirk, M. Love, K. Flickinger, B. Taylor, E. Allen, R. Mowery, L. York, B. Stone, R. Church, M. Busse, R. Rayl, G. Miller, W. Crouse, S. Davis, J. Wiley, A. Gahring, Mary Love, H. Cline.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

JANUARY 13-19, 1980

Jeanne Feltenberger (13)
Mark Lehman (13)
James Fick (13)
Rychie Smell (13)
Irene Current Fox (14)
Loretta Orr (14)
John Roush (14)
Mike Mullen (15)
Myron Cole (17)
Adalee Clifton (17)
Calvin Jones (17)
Jack Williams (17)
Troy Yeoman (17)
Lee Ann Penny (17)
Phyllis Brickley (18)
Jim Jump (18)
Jack Sauerwein (18)
Robert Finkhousen (19)
Twyla Streeter (19)
Val Taylor (19)
Chip Olson (19)

OVERSEAS STAFF FOR PRAYER:

David & Mary Luo, Thailand

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

February 26, March 25, and April 22---these three Tuesdays will be a musical highlight of First Christian. Robert Kintner of Lexington, Kentucky will lead an experience in hymn singing for all--young and old alike at 7:30 each evening. Earlier workshops for choir members and leaders will be announced! A long-awaited dream for First Christian is now coming!

REGIONAL PHOTO CONTEST

Our INDIANA CHRISTIAN is having a Photo Contest this month open to:

1. Professionals
2. Amateur Youth (under 18)
   Amateur Adult.

Photos should portray some facet of Christian life of church activity. Deadline is January 31.

A full announcement is on the bulletin board opposite the church office.

COMPOSITION CONTEST

The Association of Disciples Musicians is sponsoring a contest for composition of hymn texts, organ music, anthems, and choral work. Deadline is June 1, 1980. Full details are on the bulletin board opposite the church office.

ADULT NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS SEMINAR, MARCH 8-15

Gain knowledge of national and international concerns--special attention to human rights. Cost-$370 (includes air fare, meals, hotels, tours. Folders available in church office.)

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CHURCH CALENDAR

ATURDAY, JANUARY 19
:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast

UNDAY, JANUARY 20
:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
:30 A.M. Church School
0:45 A.M. Divine Worship
Pulpit & Choir Exchange
:15 P.M. Inquirer's Class
:30 P.M. Bell Choir
:45 P.M. Bible Study
:30 P.M. Chi Rho & CYF
:00 P.M. Evening Worship

ONDAY, JANUARY 21
0:00 A.M. Study Group
:30 P.M. Christian Education Committee, Nila Schilling, 4315 Indiana

UESDAY, JANUARY 22
2:00 Noon D.M.A. Potluck & Program
:30 P.M. Worship & Pastoral Relations Committee - Church

EDNESDAY, JANUARY 23
:30 A.M. New Life For the Church Class

HURSDAY, JANUARY 24
:30 P.M. Chancel Choir
:30 P.M. COME Support Group

ENTRY NEEDS: CEREAL, CANNED FRUIT POWDERED MILK, TUNA, SOUP

THREE DIFFERENT WORSHIPS THIS SUNDAY

Our Divine Worship at 10:45 A.M. will focus on THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY. Rev. Earl Fritz, pastor of Faith Lutheran Church, will preach and the Choir of Christ United Methodist Church will sing. Dean Widler and Joe Wiley will be worship leaders for our service. Dr. Cline will be preaching for the morning hour at Grace United Church of Christ and our Chancel Choir will sing at Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren. Join in this experience of commonness of faith and worship this Sunday!

Our Meditative Worship at 8:15 A.M. will include Dr. Cline's sermon related to Church Growth, "DISCERNING THE BODY" based in Corinthians 11:27-32 and Romans 12:1-8. Becca Olson will be soloist. The sermon will be the basis for the evening dialogue.

Worship at 7:00 includes both dialogue on the morning sermon and communion. It is an informal experience in the parlor.

SERVING JANUARY 20

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Jack Weicker and Ralph Church

10:45 A.M. William Johnson and Margaret Love

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. P. Yentes-SW, M. Busse-NW, M. Hutchinson, J. Young

10:45 A.M. J. Johnson-SW, K. Taylor-NW, B. Hendricks-NE, S. Hayes-SE, S. Schell, B. Grimm, H. Stevenson, J. Jump

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, W. Devinney, M. Pontius

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson, R. Hunt, B. Kerley

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9:00 A.M. M. Hartman - V. Taylor
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M. Snyder - K. Place

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IN HOSPITALS

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M317 Mr. Robert Chevalier
869 Mr. Robert Hendricks

PARKVIEW:

343 - Mr. Glen Edington
234 - Mrs. Ethel Lahmon

1980 D.M.A. BEGINS

All retirees, widows, widowers, or those over 60--any or all of the categories are invited at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, January 22, for a potluck in Fellowship Hall. The program will feature 16 mm movies of western parks taken, edited, and shown by Paul Waugh. He thrilled the group last year--come and see the sights! Hosting are: Earl & Reba Fusselman, Esther Whitton, and Delmas Young.

COME SUPPORT GROUP

Our fall trainees in the COME Program will have their first monthly support group on Thursday, January 24th at 7:30 P.M. The 13 who completed the training include: Miriam Bixenman, Ralph & Judy Church, Ruby Cline, Eunice Conrad, Andy Cook, Karen Flickinger, Bill Franklin, Mildred Hartman, Pat Mullen, Mark & Pauline Snyder, and Janet Weicker.

CALLING ADULT SINGERS

Youth of Senior High age and adults are invited regularly at 7:30 P.M. on Thursdays for choir rehearsal. Practice now for a cantate on March 30, Lenton and Easter music, and Ecumenical Choral Festival held on April 27. Singers are needed to lead the congregation in hymn singing as well as in anthems. COME THURSDAYS at 7:30 and then on Sundays at 10:45 A.M.

FUNERAL OF MEMBER

The Funeral of Wendell Glass is scheduled for our Worship Nave at 10:30 A.M. Thursday, the 17th. He died early Tuesday. Sympathy is extended to Dither and family.

SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS OF THE CHURCH BOARD ON JANUARY 8, 198

ugh the Board rejoiced in paying current bills, there was agony over aid Outreach commitments and limits to some projected budget spending. Memorial Funds Report for the final quarter of 1979 showed gifts of 0 and earnings of $1,782. Permanent Trust Funds now total $49,671 th all funds showing a current year end balance of $53,854.

or time and effort was given to the approval of the working budget for 80 which will be presented for congregational approval on Sunday, Jan- y 27 during both morning worship hours.

PASTORAL LEADERSHIP - Total related costs for two full-time	$ 59,588
CHURCH STAFF - Secretarial, custodial, child care, music staff	31,972
OFFICE EXPENSE	6,800
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM	5,250
PROPERTY	19,900
MEMBERSHIP	3,450
WORSHIP	2,150
TOTAL PROGRAM OR OPERATING COSTS	129,110 - 76%
CHURCH GROWTH TO REACH OTHERS LOCALLY	1,972
LOCAL COMMUNITY OUTREACH SUPPORT	4,900
WORLD OUTREACH (Congregation, Community, World)	33,900
TOTAL OUTREACH	40,772 - 24%
TOTAL WORKING BUDGET FOR 1980 $3,267 per week or	$169,882

als for 1980 were set in light of year end averages of 1979 at an ac- oss the board 10% making Participating Members - 584; Worship Average - 1; Church School - 142; Through-the-Week Education - 48; Total additions - 42.

nthly Outreach was set to facilitate support regularly. First Sundays 00 for Associated Churches and $25 for South West Senior Center; Sec- d Sundays $1,000 for ACTS Commitment for new congregations in Indiana; ird Sundays $175 for Week of Compassion; and Fourth Sundays $1,500 for sic Mission Finance for overseas and homeland ministries; benevolent es, educational institutions, and general and regional work. The fif- Sunday will go for the Boy Scout Chaplain and Campus Ministry at IU-PU . Other outreach will be paid as it is needed.

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CHURCH BOARD (from page three)

The Church Vocation Scholarship Committee announced the approving and granting of a Church Vocation Scholarship to Chad Cline. It forsees full usage of all Church Vocation Trust Fund earnings with current and anticipated Scholarship persons from our congregation. More Trust Funds or direct contributions will be needed if we are to continue our Summer Intern program each year beyond 1980.

The Hymn Singing Nights with Robert Kinzner of Central Christian Church in Lexington, Kentucky are scheduled for 7:30 P.M. on February 26, March 25, and April 22. All are invited to come lean to sing and enjoy hymnody! We hope to have a full house for this exceptional opportunity.

Approval was given to Judy Church as teacher for the Young Couples Class and Miriam Bixenman for the Come Double Class. Outreach announced $800 in the Christmas offering and $265 for the Flinn Home and $265 to the Cleveland Home from Christmas Cards.

CALLING ALL MEN

Men's Breakfast - this Saturday the 19th. from 7:00 to 8:30 A.M. The group will study the 9th of the Ten Commandments and will be choosing the next study series to begin on February 15.

FINAL CALL FOR INQUIRER'S CLASS

The current series for members and friends to look seriously at what it means to be a Christian and particularly within the fellowship of First Christian begins this Sunday at 3:15 P.M. Call the church office now if you have questions or desire to enroll. This is a ten session in-depth experience of learning, relating, experimenting and growing. As a participant said after the last series, "try it you'll like it!"

YOUTH BELL CHOIR

All youth of grades seven through twelve are needed each Sunday from 5:30 to 6:30 P.M. for Youth Bell-Choir. Memorial Gifts have provided a third octave of bells. More youth are needed to be faithful in practice to utilize our full complement of handbells. We ask all youth to consider adding to worship through bell playing.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER
JANUARY 20-26, 1980

Peg Buskirk (20)
Kenneth Flesher (20)
Tim Sauerwein (20)
Mark Snyder (20)
Mike Stone (20)
Dan Auer (21)
Jim Plummer (21)
Bob Urich (22)
Gladys Hoop (23)
Delores Keebortz (23)
Harriett Cole (23)
Marilyn Byers (25)
Dorothy Schmidt (25)
Janet Weicker (25)
Virginia Dare (26)
Deborah Fishering (26)

OVERSEAS STAFF FOR PRAYER:
David & Mary Luo

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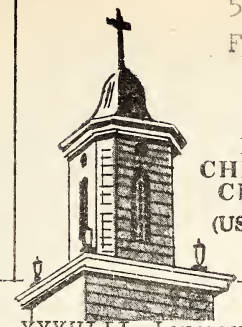

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27
8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
12:30 P.M. Chi Rho leave for Pokagan outing
5:30 P.M. Bell Choir
5:45 P.M. Bible Study
6:30 P.M. CYF
7:00 P.M. Evening Worship
MONDAY, JANUARY 28
5:30 P.M. Search Committee
TUESDAY, JANUARY 29
7:30 P.M. Board of Elders
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30
9:30 A.M. New Life for the Church Class
THURSDAY, JANUARY 31
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS:
POWDERED MILK
CEREAL
PUDDING
CANNED FRUIT
CANNED MEAT
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CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, JANUARY 27 AT 8:15 & 10:45 A.M. TO APPROVE THE 1980 WORKING BUDGET.

FACING PAST REALITY
FINDING GOD'S DREAM

Come, ponder with me the realities of history and where we are now! Then, I pray, that you will dream and believe what God wants for the future!

THE LAST TWO DECADES

FROM 1961 to 1970:

Weekly Worship dropped from 390 to 235 or a decrease of 39.7%.

Church School dropped from 385 to 155 or a decrease of 59.7%.

Giving increased from $76,303 to $90,182 or an increase of 18.2%.

Outreach Support increased from $15,152 to $18,849 or 24.4%.

FROM 1970 to 1979:

Weekly Worship increased from 235 to 283 or an increase of 20.4%.

Church School dropped from 155 to 129 or a decrease of 16.7%.

Giving increased from $90,182 to $176,242 or an increase of 95.4%.

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SERVING JANUARY 27

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. George Bruckman and Judy Church

10:45 A.M. William Love and Dean Widler

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. T. Sauerwein-SW, K. Place-NW, E. Brown, S. Watson

10:45 A.M. S. Grimm-SW, J. Bickel-NW, A. Lee-NE, E. Conrad-SE, C. Crowe, M. Finkhousen, G. Davis, M. Akers

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, W. DeVinney, M. Pontius

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson, R. Hunt, B. Kerley

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Laura York & Schellie Schell

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Bill & Joan Franklin

ACOLYTES

Melissa Orr and Kristin Byers

NURSERY WORKERS

10:45 A.M. M. & C. Akers

EXTENDED SESSION

NUR. II - D. & B. Short

NUR. III - L. Jackson & N. Lucas

K-1 - J. Jenkins

IN HOSPITALS

V.A. HOSPITAL

460 East - Mr. Robert Chevalier

PARKVIEW

229 - Mrs. Ethel Lahmon

343 - Mr. Glen Edington

ST. JOSEPH

211 - Mrs. Emma Schell

LUTHERAN

869 - Mr. Robert Hendricks

626 - Mrs. Jessie Fern Woodward

M208 - Miss Dorothy Murphy

IMPORTANT ELDERS MEETING

All elders are needed at 7:30 P.M., Tuesday, January 29. Agenda includes 1. Shepherding Program; 2. Needs and Goals Document for 1980's; 3. Slight alteration to Sunday communion procedures.

PAPER DRIVE COMING

Saturday, February 16 is the morning the Chi Rho will finish up the current effort Bring papers to the Fellowship Hall stage at any time previous to that Saturday morning. The youth will meet at 9:00 A.M.

CHI RHO

The Chi Rho is bringing a sack lunch and leaving at 12:30 P.M. right after Divine Worship to go to Pokagan State Park for an outing. Dress or bring suitable clothes for the trip.

INQUIRER'S CLASS CHANGE

The current series of the Inquirer's Class is being changed from Sunday afternoon to Monday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. This class is to consider basic issues about "What it is to be a Christian" and "What it means to be a Christian as a member of First Christian. Please call Dr. Cline if this change in time would facilitate participation.

FUNERAL NOTE: The mention of the funeral of Wendall Glass this past week did not include that he had been a member here for 23 years and had served as a Trustee for several terms.

T_H_E C_H_U_R_C_H

"My Church is the place where the word of God is preached, the power of God is felt, the spirit of God is manifested, the love of God is revealed, and the unity of God is preceived.

It is the home of my soul, the altar of my devotion, the hearth of my faith, and the center of my affections.

I have united with it in solemn covenant, pledging myself to attend its services, to pray for its members, to give it support.

It claims the first place in my heart, the highest place in my mind, the principal place in my activities; and its unity, peace and progress concern my life in this world and in that which is to come.

I owe to it my zeal, my benevolence and my prayers. When I neglect its services, I injure its good name, I lessen its power, I discourage its members, and I chill my own soul.

I have solemnly promised, in the sight of God and man, to advance the interests of my fellow member, by watching over their welfare, by joining with them in prayer and praise and service; and that promise I this day renew before God, my Father, Christ, my Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit, my Comforter."

Copied from "I Quote" edited by V. Ely via
"The Church Bell" Barberton Christian Church

LAST CALL FOR COME TRAINING

In 1977 four of our members received special training in listening skills and parish visitation in the pilot progect of the Disciples with Dr. John Savage. 15 of our members received training this past fall and have formed a COME support group for sharpening skills and continued involvement for the church.

Dr. Cline will be leading the COME training beginning on the weekend of February 1 & 2 at North Highlands Presbyterian Church. Our members are welcome. We need your commitment and $7.50 as soon as possible. An intensive 40 hour skill development over four weekends a month apart ending April 25 & 26. Call the Church office or mail form.

COME -- BRING GUESTS -- SING!

Night of Hymn Singing - stressing rhythum - blips - congregational participation - celebrating the faith in song. We hope to fill our Nave on *TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26 at 7:30 P.M.* *ROBERT J. KINTNER,* Minister of Music of Central Christian Church, Lexington, Kentucky is our guest leader. He is known nationally for helping people sing hymns as congregations!

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED to Glenn Miller in the recent deaths of his sister-in-law, Jessie Miller and his niece, Golda Stonebraker.

FACING PAST REALITY - FINDING GOD'S DREAM (from page one)

Outreach increased from $18,849 to $53,075 or an increase of 181.5%. *(Note: Giving dropped significantly in 1971 and the increases since then are 124% for total and 393% for Outreach.)*

THE PRESENT

1979 showed definite improvement over 1978 - worship up from 269 to 283; Church School up from 120 to 129; Through-the-week education from 33 to 44; and annual additions from 23 to 38. Our total giving decreased from $179,349 to $175,314 but our Outreach increased from $49,840 to $53,075.

THE FUTURE

As persons in Christ and as a congregation, do we wish to grow or to perish?

Are we willing to dream and plan to open our church for the unchurched of our community and reach for conversions to Christ as Lord of life?

As we face issues will we ask?

(1) Would it be a great thing for God?
(2) Would it help people who are hurting?
(3) Is anybody else doing the job?

What are our dreams which are possibilities by faith to serve Christ and our fellow human beings?

May I come to my personal word? I believe in First Christian Church and its future. I sense that we can be used of God to extend his kingdom in this place and in this time! My prayer and dream is that we can be and ever more become a community of faith which designs our life and work to heal human hearts and to fill human needs and which will be a center of human inspiration where people find the centering of worship and the depth of opportunities for spiritual and personal growth through the week.

Harold E. Clark

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER - JANUARY 27 - FEBRUARY 2, 1980

Metta Stucky (27)
Helen Williams (27)
Doug Olson (27)
Dorothy Green (27)
Florence Hagar (28)
Bill Kerley (28)
Wade Smith (28)
Doris Richards (29)
Jack Bennett (29)
Betty Farrow (29)
Jaynie Jenkins (29)
Susan Shaffer (30)
Martha Warner (30)
Natalie Urich (30)
Muriel Ann (Chevalier) Plitts (2)
Anita Fitch (2)

OVERSEAS STAFF:
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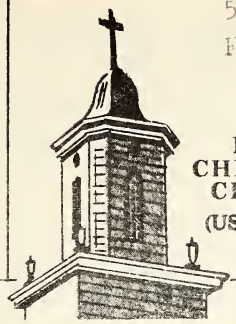

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VOLUME XXXVIII January 30, 1980 No. 5

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2
7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast
5:30 P.M. Chi Rho Progressive Dinner
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3
8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship
3:00 P.M. CYF at Johnson's 10102 Circlewood
4:00 P.M. Search Committee
5:30 P.M. Bell Choir
5:45 P.M. Bible Study
6:30 P.M. Chi Rho
7:00 P.M. Evening Worship
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4
10:00 A.M. Study Group
7:00 P.M. Inquirer's Class
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5
7:30 P.M. BOARD OF TRUSTEES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6
9:30 A.M. New Life for the Church Class
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7
9:30 A.M. Naomi Group, Genevieve Ripple, 3405 Central
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS: CEREAL, POWDERED MILK, TUNA, CANNED FRUIT, NOODLES

WORSHIP THE LORD!

Joy and delight and lift are expected as we come to receive and give in the process of worship. Dr. Cline completes his input in the current series of sermons as he deals with the theme, "GET CHANGED, GET TOGETHER, GET GOING" with Romans 1:1-17 as the background text.

Diane Mory is soloist Sunday and the Chancel Choir will be singing at 10:45 A.M. "Sing Unto the Lord a New Song." (Thanks choirs for last Sunday!)

Our February Hymn of the Month will be introduced, namely,

"Come, all Christians, be committed
To the service of the Lord.
Make your lives for Him more fitted,
Tune your hearts with one accord.
Come into His courts with gladness,
Each his sacred vows renew,
Turn away from sin and sadness,
Be transformed with life anew."

We gather to know and experience the power and love of God, to harmonize our lives with His, to find the transformation which is wrought by God through our receptivity to Him! COME! WORSHIP THE LORD!

SERVING FEBRUARY 3

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Ralph Church and Mark Snyder

10:45 A.M. Joe Wiley and William Johnson

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. S. Allen-SW, D. Keebortz-NW, B. Pauley, B. Schilling

10:45 A.M. L. York-SW, M. Tobias-NW, R. Jenkins-NE, R. Flickinger-SE, V. Taylor, J. Stucky, T. Harter, P. Mullen

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith S. Keebortz

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson, G. Bozarth, R. Jackson

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. M. Love - P. Buskirk
R. Rayl - J. Young
R. Johnson - B. Schilling

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Sue Allen and Barbara Mettler

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Mike & Shirley Callahan

NURSERY WORKERS

10:45 A.M. D. Rinker & K. Byers

EXPANDED SESSION

NUR. II - J. Ott
NUR. III - S. & B. Hayes
M. & C. Akers
K-1 - J. Jenkins

GIVING COUNTERS

B. Leversee & M. Hutchinson

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN 762 Mrs. Hazel Cleaver
894 Mr. Robert Hendricks

V.A. HOSPITAL: 460 East - Mr. Robert Chevalier

PARKVIEW: 229 Mrs. Ethel Lahmon
232 Mr. Gail Roe

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Our Board meets for its regular February meeting at 7:30 P.M. on Tuesday, February 5. All members are needed.

COMING DURING FEBRUARY

7:30 P.M. WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20 - ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP - A first and different for First Christian!

CHI RHO PAPER DRIVE

FEBRUARY 16

Bring papers to the Fellowship Hall stage prior to Saturday, February 16. Call the church office is pick-up is necessary.

FUNERAL OF MEMBER

Mrs. Edna B. Clark, a member since 1946, on January 30, 1980. Sympathy is extended to her two daughters and their families.

THANKS TO THE CHURCH!

Thank you so very much for the cards, prayers, and visits to both Cecile and myself!

Thank you so much!

Robert Chevalier

JANUARY AVERAGES:

Worship	287
Church School	153
Through-the-Week Education	21
Budget Giving	$3,782.52

B_U_I_L_D_I_N_G A S_I_N_G_I_N_G C_H_U_R_C_H

A long-awaited opportunity for a workshop on hymn singing for our congregation, and choir and musical leadership is now set for Tuesdays, February 26, March 25, and April 22. This is for members and friends of First Christian Church, our sister Disciple churches, and other churches of our community. It is an opportunity for enrichment, growth and discovery! Plan now to attend! Bring others! Child Care each night from 6:45 to 9:15 P.M. Spread the word near and far!

GUEST LEADER: Robert J. Kintner, Minister of Music of Central Christian Church of Lexington, Kentucky. Leader and enthusiast for hymn singing among Disciple congregations and Regional and General Assemblies. He is a native of Tipton, Indiana and a graduate of Christian Theological Seminary and has served churches in Indiana, Kentucky, Illinois, North Carolina and also overseas for several years in Paraguay.

FOR EVERYBODY! 7:30 to 8:20 P.M. - TOTAL CONGREGATIONAL EVENT!

A learning experience of hymn singing - Understanding and suggestions to make hymns live as a vital faith expression Singing with enthusiasm and rhythm and fulfillment!

FOR ALL INTERESTED! 8:30 to 9:00 P.M. - DIALOGUE AND FEEDBACK

An informal session with Robert Kintner for interaction and further clarification and experience.

SPECIAL SESSIONS

7:00 to 7:25 EACH TUESDAY - FOR CHOIRS, DIRECTORS, ACCOMPANISTS, PASTORS
"The Role of the Choir in Congregational Singing"

6:00 to 6:50 P.M. - FEBRUARY 26 - FOR ORGANISTS AND PIANISTS
"The Art of Hymn Accompanying" (options, tempos, key, free hymn dangers and values, registration, singing as you play)
NOTE: Participants in this session may request private assignments practice in the month, and then private assistance and instruction at appointments between 3:30 and 5:30 P.M. on March 25 and April 22.

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6:00 to 6:50 P.M. - MARCH 25 - FOR DIRECTORS OF MUSIC - ENABLING HYMN SINGING

6:00 to 6:50 P.M. - APRIL 22 - FOR PASTORS - HYMN SINGING

(NOTE: Information and Bibliographies will be available as supplemental material for participants of the three 6:00 P.M. Sessions.)

INQUIRER'S CLASS CALL

Monday, February 4 is the first full session of the Inquirer's Class which has been rescheduled from Sunday afternoon until Monday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. Additional participants are urged to contact the church office and come on Monday evening. Child care is provided. A 10 Session study on the basics of Christ and the Church.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER
FEBRUARY 3 - 9, 1980

Patricia Erdley (3)
Helen Lobdell (4)
Wanda Ingmire (4)
Elizabeth Pattengale (5)
Ruth Ann Bozarth (5)
Emma Phillips (6)
Florence Griffith (7)
Elinor Place (7)
Nita Wilson (7)
Betty Harter (9)
Barbara Taylor (9)

OVERSEAS STAFF FOR PRAYER DURING FEBRUARY:

John & Renee Carter, Co-Directors of Friendship Mission in Asuncion, Paraguay. (Information about their ministry is posted on the Outreach Bulletin Board at the South entryway.)

LIGHT BULB BLAST

This Sunday, February 3 the CYF will be "Blasting-off" to Bill & Ginny Johnson's at 3:00 P.M. Bring any unsold light bulbs, money from sales with you. If you need a ride, call Chip & Becca Olson, 744-1859. We will sell light bulbs in the Haverhill and Coventry areas and return to the Johnson's for Chili and games.

On Sunday, February 10 we will leave after church at 12:30 P.M. for an outing at Pokagan. A retreat is planned for the first weekend in March! Things are happening in CYF!

PASTOR'S VACATION

Dr. Cline and Ruby will be gone for 9 days to Colorado. The trip will include three days of leadership for a Growth weekend at Lakewood Christian Church a visit with daughter, Sally, and an introduction to skiing! For needs, call the church office - 744-3239, Elder Chairwoman, Mildred Hartman - 745-1944, or Moderator, Andy Cook - 637-5736.

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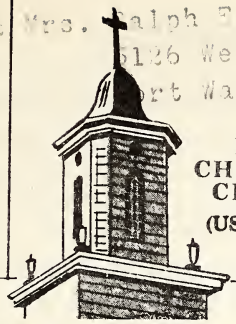

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10
8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
12:30 P.M. CYF to Pokagan
5:30 P.M. Bell Choir
5:45 P.M. Bible Study
6:30 P.M. Chi Rho
7:00 P.M. Evening Worship

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11
7:30 P.M. Martha Group, Rose Jenkins, 4720 Beaver

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12
11:30 A.M. Rebecca Group, MCL Cafeteria
7:30 P.M. Deborah Group, Opal Carper, 535 High St.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13
9:30 A.M. New Life for the Church Class
7:30 P.M. Refugee Task Force
7:30 P.M. Sherwood Neighborhood Association

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14
9:30 A.M. Rachael Group, Library
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15
7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast
9:00 A.M. Chi Rho Paper Drive
1:00 P.M. Youth Discipleship Class

LAITY LEADING WORSHIPS

Our Morning Worship hours will feature several of our people in sharing the theme, "WHAT GOD IS DOING IN FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH". At 8:15 A.M. will be Janet Weicker, Pat Mullen, George Bruckman and Judy Church. At the 10:45 hour speakers will be Betty Briggs, Rolland Ripple, Rosemary Krull, and Bruce Lehman. Each will be bearing witness out of his or her own life and experience in our community of faith.

Presiding for Meditative Worship will be Jack Weicker and Ralph Church. Presiding at Divine Worship will be Bill and Margaret Love. The duet for both hours will be by Doug and Karen Rogers. Our guest organist will be Michael Holman.

The Dialogue in the evening will reflect on all eight presentations of the morning in the informal setting at 7:00 P.M. One of the motives of Sunday's experience will be to reinforce each member in his positive witness of what God is doing in our community that we may spread the word to others.

SERVING FEBRUARY 10

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Charles Ludwig and Mildred Hartman

10:45 A.M. Robert Orr and Ben Taylor

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Johnson-SW, P. Yentes-NW, D. Keebortz, M. Hutchinson

10:45 A.M. B. Mettler-SW, W. Bowen-NW, J. Johnson-NE, K. Taylor-SE, B. Hendricks, S. Hayes, S. Schell, B. Grimm

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871 - Mr. Robert Hendricks

M114 - Mr. John Glasgow

762 - Mrs. Hazel Cleaver

V.A. HOSPITAL:

468 E - Mr. Robert Chevalier

RETURNED TO HEALTH CARE CENTER

Mrs. Ethel Lahmon was released from Parkview Hospital and is now in Towne House Health Care Center.

SENIORS RELATE!

The South West Senior Center is five days each week at Grace United Church of Christ at Webster and Lexington. Programs and activities are available daily from 10:45 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Meal reservations must be made 24 hours prior by calling 423-1523. The site gives opportunity for relationship.

Our Elinor Place is Site Director and has worked hard to build the constituency of participation.

CHI RHO PAPER DRIVE NEXT WEEK!

Bring papers now to the Stage for the Chi Rho Paper Drive. The Youth will load out the papers at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday, February 16.

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

A new service for our congregation is planned for 7:30 P.M., Wednesday, February 20. This day begins the annual season of Lent. Our challenge is to undertake one new responsibility or discipline for the season of Lent as our preparation for celebrating Christ's death and resurrection. Watch for a major article next week in THE TIDINGS!

CYF SELLING LIGHT BULBS

Our CYF project of selling light bulbs has moved slower than anticipated. They will be available again next Sunday morning during coffee hour. 5 bulbs are $2.50 for the package.

PANTRY NEEDS: CEREAL, POWDERED MILK, TUNA, CANNED FRUIT, NOODLE

1979 SHARING OF OUTREACH SUPPORT NEAR AND FAR

BASIC MISSION FINANCE - Support of Overseas and Homeland Ministries, Benevolent Homes, Educational Institutions General and Regional Work	$ 23,008.45
PURCHASE OF A VW VAN FOR THE GIRL'S SCHOOL IN MBANDAKA IN THE REPUBLIC OF ZAIRE - This was a directed gift in the Indiana ACTS Campaign	12,000.00
CHURCH VOCATION PROGRAM - Scholarships, Interns	5,003.74
WEEK OF COMPASSION - Emergency Help and Rehabilitation including our special Cambodian aid gifts	4,327.65
ASSOCIATED CHURCHES OF ALLEN COUNTY - Weekday Christian Education and Ecumenical witness locally	3,732.00
RECONCILIATION - Disciple Program for hurting within cities and our land through programs of development	2,178.00
ECUMENICAL CAUSES - Campus Minister for IUPU-FW, American Bible Society, Scout Camp Chaplain, Councils of Churches	1,636.17
LOCAL BENEVOLENCE - Pantry Program, Helping Hand Fund, care expressed directly and personally locally	963.53
SOUTH WEST SENIOR CENTER - Undergirding program for seniors cooperatively in our area	225.00
TOTAL SHARING OF FIRST CHRISTIAN INCLUDING CWF FOR OTHERS DURING 1979 (This was 30.3% of our total giving for the year.)	$ 53,074.54

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WEEK OF COMPASSION REPORTS; MORE REFUGEES

Afghan refugees pouring into Pakistan. Living in mountain caves, shacks made of branches covered by small rugs. Winter winds forced move to tent camp from 8,000 ft. altitude. One camp mud houses destroyed by locals feeling threatened by refugee presence. Nomads few. Can manage if grazing available but terrain rocky, arid. 3 former construction work camps provide some permanent housing. Situation escalating. Numbers established at 400,000 January, 1980, arriving 1,000 each day. Most hungry, many sick. In 3 month period in one camp 120 babies died of measles. Church World Service airlifted blankets, heavy clothing, cholera and polio vaccine.

Refugee camps all along Thai-Kampuchea border now. Church of Christ in Thailand working at meeting needs. Language, medicine, school supplies, food, shelter. Volunteer medical teams (one doctor, two nurses) being sent to camps on rotating basis.

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MORE REFUGEES (from page three)

Cambodia over and above offering wonderful! But if annual Week of Compassion offering falls short, if basic budget unmet, channels for delivering aid to Kampuchia will be hurt. Furthermore, no way of responding to next emergency! These are new appeals. Remember them when you make your Week of Compassion Offering. Offering makes possible airlift aid when needed, send personnel when useful, provide funds to support local self=help development efforts. You make such help possible when you give through Week of Compassion, P.O. Box 1986, Indianapolis.

Marilynne Hill, Administrative Director,
Week of Compassion

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER
FEBRUARY 10 - 16, 1980
John Bechstein (10)
Kenneth Place (10)
Marvin Crouse (11)
William DeVinney (12)
Catherine Freed (12)
Virgil Buchanan (13)
Arlynn Call (14)
Gene Bozarth (14)
Merle Grimm (14)
Robert Neal (14)
Gary Overmyer (14)
Tony Evans (14)
Brett Lucas (15)
William Howard (15)
Martha Hunt (16)
Edythe Metcalf (16)
Karen Rogers (16)
Karen Doehrman (16)
OVERSEAS STAFF FOR PRAYER:
John & Renee Carter

BUILDING A SINGING CHURCH

Our Workshop of hymn singing is coming on FEBRUARY 26. Informational folders are available at the church for our usage and also for us to give friends and neighbors. This is an open learning event for our congregation and sister Disciple churches and across all denominational lines! The word is COME!

REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP TASK FORCE

Information has been coming fast to this group. Their next meeting is at 7:30 P.M. Wednesday, February 13. Come if you have interest or information!

BRING A FRIEND . . . . . REALTIVE . . . . . NEIGHBOR
This is the most important contact for newcomers to come to First Christian! Invite and bring persons with you to worship, church school, the workshop -- "BUILDING A SINGING CHURCH", a C.W.F. circle, Youth Fellowship, or our special worship on Ash Wednesday.
BRING A FRIEND. . .RELATIVE. . . NEIGHBOR

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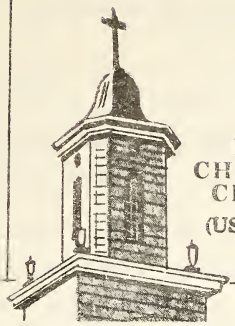

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A SEASON FOR RENEWAL AND GROWTH IN CHRIST

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP AND LENTEN COMMITMENT

A different and new experience is being offered next Wednesday evening, February 20th. at 7:30 P.M. We are holding an Ash Wednesday Worship Service of self-examination, expression of commitment, and renewal of covenant to Christ.

A major thrust of the service is to help each of us to decide and express in a private commitment some new direction of service or commitment for the Lenten season, that is, from February 20 through Easter Sunday, April 6. Some possibilities are as follows:

Attend Worship seven Sundays straight.

Join the Choir for these weeks.

Join a Church School Class and participate for these Sundays.

Try tithing 10% of income for these weeks.

Establish a 30 minute period each day for quiet, prayer, and Bible reading.

Fast for one meal a day each week or one day each week and

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MESSAGES FOCUSING "CHRIST INTERSECTING MY LIFE"

A view of major events in the life of Jesus will be tied with basic common experiences of us all during these coming nine Sunday mornings. Thus, the double perspective of Christ and self will be at the forefront of this series by Dr. Cline. Members and friends are encouraged to hear all of these messages which seek to lift life through pointing to Jesus as the way, truth, and life.

2/17 "CHRIST'S BIRTH AND MY BIRTH" - Luke 1:26-38; John 3:1-21

2/24 "CHRIST'S BAPTISM AND MY BAPTISM" Luke 3:1-22

3/2 "CHRIST'S TEMPTATIONS AND MY TEMPTATIONS" - Luke 4:1-13

3/9 "CHRIST'S CHOOSING DISCIPLES AND MY CHOICES" Luke 6:12-19

3/16 "CHRIST'S MINISTRY AND MY MINISTRY" Luke 14:1-35

3/23 "CHRIST'S TRANSFIGURATION AND MY TRANSFIGURATION" Luke 9:26-36

3/30 "CHRIST'S DEATH AND MY DEATH" - Luke 23:32-49

4/6 "CHRIST'S RESURRECTION AND

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SERVING FEBRUARY 17

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Judy Church and Robert Johnson

10:45 A.M. Robert Rayl and Margaret Love

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Young-SW, T. Sauerwein-NW, K. Place, E. Brown

10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson-SW, J. Jump-NW, S. Grimm-NE, J. Bickel-SE, A. Lee, E. Conrad, C. Crowe, M. Finkhousen

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, W. DeVinney, M. Ponitus

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson, R. Hunt, B. Kerley

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Mildred Hutchinson & Val Taylor

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. R. Church - C. Crowe
B. Taylor - B. Hendricks
B. Short - S. Hayes
R. Johnson - D. Johnson

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Earl and Ruth Plummer

NURSERY WORKERS

10:45 A.M. N. Lucas-R. Krull

EXTENDED SESSION

NUR. II - J. Ott
NUR. III - M. & C. Akers
S. & B. Hayes
K-1 - J. Jenkins

ACOLYTES

Ron Flickinger & Andrew Crowe

GIVING COUNTERS

B. Leversee & M. Hutchinson

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: 871 Mr. Robert Hendricks
M114 Mr. John Glasgow
624 Mr. Jim Heavin

ST. JOSEPH: 811 - Mrs. Winnie May Ferguson

TO NURSING FACILITY: Robert & Cecile Chevalier are in Parnell Park #216.

CALL FOR YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP CLASS

This Saturday at 1:00 P.M. is the first of five sessions for youth of Grades 6, 7, or 8 in order to receive background instruction for a Christian commitment. It is important to attend five sessions of this pastor's class. The class does not assume an immediate decision but is encouraged for all in this age bracket.

CALL TO MEN'S BREAKFAST

This Saturday from 7:00 to 8:30 A.M. the Men's Breakfast Group begins a new study-THE ART OF CHRISTIAN LOVE by Morton Kelsey including What is mature love Results of love, loving oneself, Loving one's family, loving one's employees, loving the stranger, Loving our enemies. It meets every other Saturday for a continental breakfast - February 16, March 1, 15, 29 & April 12, and 26. All men are invited!

CUC CLASS PROGRESSIVE DINNER

The CUC Class will have a Progressive Dinner this Saturday February 16 beginning at 6:00 P.M. at Stucky's 4212 Wayne Trace.

THANK YOU

Your kindness and sympathy are more deeply appreciated than any word of thanks can ever express. In deep gratitude to Rev. Cline and Karen Flickinger during the loss of my mother Edna Clark. Jesus came gently and lifted Mother to him and she was not alone at the time. Jesus does answer prayers. Thanks for many prayers offered. Nita Wilson.

SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS OF THE CHURCH BOARD, FEBRUARY 5

Approval was given for members of our church to receive discount cards from Pizza Hut in Southgate as a promotional effort on their part. This was a particular approval and not a wholesale encouragement of advertising through the church.

On recommendation of the Lay Personnel committee Bill Johnson was approved as Elder representative to the Board until June 30, 1980 and Betty Briggs for the Lay Personnel Committee through June 30, 1981.

Margaret Snouffer was elected teacher of the Nursery II for the balance of this Church School year with possible renewal or transfer at that time.

Along with the regular monthly reports, several reports for the year of 1979 were shared and which are available in the church office or posted opposite the office.

Reports and Discussion included Search Committee, Refugee Sponsorship Task Force, Senior Housing Possibility, Week of Compassion information the hymn workshop -- BUILDING A SINGING CHURCH, and Announcement of the Ash Wednesday worship.

Present were 19 members on a snowy, winter night!

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HYMN WORKSHIP -- BUILDING A SINGING CHURCH --

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL OF US TO LEARN ABOUT SINGING

HYMNS TOGETHER AS A CONGREGATION AND HAVE FUN DOING IT!

February 26, (Tuesday night) will be our first session with Robert Kintner on Singing Hymns in the Church. The session for the congregation begins at 7:30. Earlier workshops on that same day will be: 6:00 P.M., "The Art of Accompaniment" (for organists, pianists, musical leaders) and at 7:00 for choirs and leaders of choirs. THERE WILL BE CHILD CARE FOR PRESCHOOLERS FROM 6:45 to 9:15 P.M.

Robert Kintner (who will be leading similar continuing workshops on March 25 and April 22) is currently the minister of Worship and Music at Central Christian Church, Lexington, Kentucky. His training and experience in the field of church music is rich and varied.

Brochures describing the three evenings in detail are available at the church. Pick up several and invite your friends to come with you.

ASH WEDNESDAY (from page one)
use the eating time for prayer and make a gift of food costs to Week of Compassion.

Visit some person ill, lonely, or aged each week.

Engage in an Intercessory Prayer Covenant with another person.

Meet one person that you do not know by name each Sunday at church.

Write one thank you letter each week.

Relate in depth to a widow or an older person and help with needs and fulfillment.

Come expecting to make a commitment to a new discipline or effort out of the Christian relationship during Lent. This service is next Wednesday evening, Ash Wednesday, February 20 at 7:30 P.M.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16
7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast
9:00 A.M. Chi Rho Paper Drive
1:00 P.M. Youth Discipleship
6:00 P.M. CUC Progressive Dinner
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17
8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
5:30 P.M. Bell Choir
5:45 P.M. Bible Study
6:30 P.M. Chi Rho/C.Y.F.
7:00 P.M. Evening Worship
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18
10:00 A.M. Study Group
7:00 P.M. Inquirer's Class
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19
7:30 P.M. Worship & Past. Rel.
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20
9:30 A.M. New Life Class
7:30 P.M. Ash Wednesday Worship
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

MESSAGE SERIES (from page one)
AND MY RESURRECTION" Luke 24:1-48
4/13 "CHRIST'S ASCENSION AND MY ASCENSION" Luke 24:50-53, Acts 1:1-11

Ponder the themes and texts in preparation. Hear all nine messages -- talk about the messages with others -- Pray for the messenger and each message for every hearer!

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER
FEBRUARY 17-23
Donald Crouse (19)
Romane Cole (20)
Florence Huddleston (20)
Margaret Jenkins (21)
Walter Bowen (22)
Steve Hall (22)
Vivian Atwood (23)
Judith Brickley (23)
Barbara (Love) Mettler (23)
Elsie Presness (23)
Susan Rousseau (23)
OVERSEAS STAFF FOR PRAYER:
John & Renee Carter

WEEK OF COMPASSION

Special envelopes are available in sets and pews for special giving to help meet human need. RICE BAGS will be distributed in worship on February 17 for setting aside daily money for world hunger and need. This effort will continue throuth March 16 when we will bring our bags back in worship. During 1979 we had $1,650 in this special giving plus 680 in the year for Cambodian aid. Let us give in response to need generously in the name of Christ.

PANTRY NEEDS: POWDERED MILK, CEREAL, SOUP, P-NUT BUTTER, FRUIT

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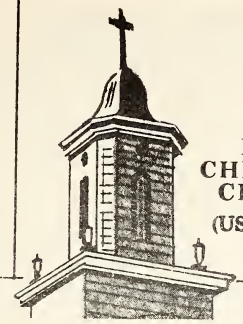

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BUILDING A SINGING CHURCH

Next Tuesday, February 26th, is the opening of our three fourth Tuesday nights this spring with ROBERT J. KINTNER leading us in our workshop on hymn singing. He will return on March 25 and April 22. ALL are invited especially from 7:30 to 8:20 P.M.

Currently, our guest leader is Minister of Worship and Music at Central Christian Church in Lexington, Kentucky. His areas of responsibility include: Worship planning and writing, Organist, Director of Choirs, and Teacher of hymnody to the total congregation. He has served congregations in Indiana, Kentucky, Illinois, and North Carolina both in music and as a pastor. He has served overseas in mission work in Paraguay and for our National Benevolent Association in fund raising, He is a native of Tipton, Indiana.

He was organist for World Conventions in Puerto Rico in 1965 and in Mexico in 1975 and for three General Assemblies; Louisville in 1971, San Antonio in 1975, Kansas City in 1977, and as song leader for St. Louis in 1979. He has led workshops for various musical and organist groups as well as our Regional and congregational churches.

This workshop is for all of our friends and members as well as guests from other congregations across all denominational lines. Child Care will be provided from 6:45 until 9:15 for preschoolers each night. Donations may be made at plates in entry ways for those desiring to help with workshop expenses.

The central portion is 7:30 to 8:20 - "CONGREGATIONAL SONG - A LEARNING EXPERIENCE" - Come and join in hymn singing with enthusaism, rhythm, and fulfillment!

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SERVING FEBRUARY 24

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Rolland Ripple and Jack Weicker

10:45 A.M. Dean Widler and William Love

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. S. Watson-SW, S. Allen-NW, D. Keebortz, B. Pauley

10:45 A.M. G. Davis-SW, M. Akers-NW, L. York-NE, V. Taylor-SE, M. Tobias, R. Jenkins, R. Flickinger, J. Stucky

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, D. Dickey, Tony Evans

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson, G. York, K. Crawford

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IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: M114 - Mr. John Glasgow
446 - Klark Kerley
871 - Mr. Robert Hendricks

ST. JOSEPH: 811 - Mrs. Winnie May Ferguson

PARKVIEW: Fred Smell (enters 2/20 for surgery 2/22)

DEATH OF MEMBER:

Charles Speicher in California on 2/15/80. Services were in Ontario, California.

MEMBERS HIRED ELSEWHERE

Miriam Bixenman has been hired as the Interim Minister at the Illiopolis Christian Church. Her address is:

228 3rd Street
Illiopolis, Illinois 62539

Chad Cline has been hired as a Summer Intern at the First Christian Church of Wichita Falls, Texas for the summer of 1980.

GIFTS FOR GIDEONS

After the presentation during the worships on February 10, $68 was contributed toward their work by our people after the services.

FEBRUARY GIVING HURTING

We had a $2,100 repair bill for our heating system-this has more than drained beyond normal expenses for February with our giving only $1,832 last Sunday and $2,348 the week before. Our need is $3,267 weekly!

WEDDING BY PASTOR

Dale Collier Harter and Ellen Louise Manuel on February 16, 1980. They are residing at 1823 Griswold, HO-2, 05, 743-3242.

THANK YOU:

Thanks to Karen Flickinger and Janet Weicker for the calls and Dr. Cline for prayer while I was in the hospital.

Also for the cards and telephone calls. It is nice to be remembered by my Christian friends.

Emma Schell

LENT - PREPARATION FOR EASTER CELEBRATION

Our Ash Wednesday Service on February 20 and our worships on Sunday the 27th open our Lenten Season of preparation of our lives to reexperience Christ especially as we move to the climax of his death and resurrection. Purple is the color of this season denoting pentitence.

Historically, many have made an emphasis of *giving up something for Lent.* We are suggesting that we *take up something for Lent.* In the Gospels, we read of Jesus' life in the last 40 days before his resurrection being spent in preaching, teaching, and healing. Can we follow his example and allow our lives to be used as a blessing for others in this similar period?

The possibilities of God working through each of our lives are enormous. Each of us can make unique moves which will reflect an openness for growth and expression of life.

Choose one or more of the following or one of your own design - choose something and do it for Christ's sake!

- *Read all four Gospels during the period and make one application of them in your life expression or relationship each week.*
- *Encourage the worship of FCC by participation, prayers, and enthusiasm all 7 Sundays.*
- *Join the Choir and rehearse and sing regularly through this season.*
- *Establish a 30 minute period each day for Bible Reading, prayer, and centering of life in quietness.*
- *Enlarge our Church School by 7 weeks of regular participation and encouragement through discussion and bringing others.*
- *Try the Biblical princi;le of tithing 10% of income for this period of time and find the blessing of God in Malachi 3:8-10.*
- *Telephone some person each day during Lent - someone who is sick, shut-in, alone, elderly, depressed, in need of encouragement.*
- *Write one "Thank You" letter each week to a person who has blessed and enriched your life.*
- *Relate in depth to a widow or older person and help with needs and fulfillment.*
- *Visit some person ill, lonely, or aged each week.*
- *Introduce yourself to one person whom you do not know by name each Sunday and try to know the new person as much as possible.*
- *Fast for one meal a day each week or one full day each week and use the time for prayer and the estimated food cost as a gift to Week of Compassion.*
- *Invite some person or family to join you in study and worship each week of Lent.*

BUILDING A SINGING CHURCH (from page one)

An option for all is 8:30 to 9:00 P.M. - "LEARNING THROUGH INTERACTION AND SHARING" - An informal time for interaction, clarification, and further growth.

Organists, pianists, directors, pastors, and other worship leaders are invited each Tuesday from 6:00 to 6:50 P.M. February 26 will be "THE ART OF HYMN ACCOMPANIMENT" and March 25 will focus on music leaders and April 22 will focus on pastors and worship leaders - this slot is open to the total group-for all three sessions.

Leaders and accompanists and pastors are invited to set personal conferences from 3:00 to 5:00 P.M. on any of the Tuesdays - this will be by appointment only! JOIN IN BUILDING A SINGING CHURCH!

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23
1:00 P.M. Youth Discipleship
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24
8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
3:00 P.M. CYF to hockey game
5:30 P.M. Bell Choir
5:45 P.M. Bible Study
6:30 P.M. Chi Rho
7:00 P.M. Evening Worship
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25
7:00 P.M. Inquirer's Class
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26
BUILDING A SINGING CHURCH!
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27
9:30 A.M. New Life
7:30 P.M. Refugee Task Force
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

CYF TO HOCKEY GAME

The CYF will meet at 3:00 P.M. to go to a Komet Hockey Game. Bring $3 for ticket plus snack money.

PANTRY NEEDS: CEREAL, CANNED VEGETABLES, CANNED FRUIT, SOUP, POWDERED MILK, TUNA

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER
FEBRUARY 24 - MARCH 1

Dan Church (25) *Tim Briggs (28)*
Eunice Conrad (25) *Larry Horn (28)*
Freda Flaugh (25) *Bill Lehman (28)*
Cathy Katt (26) *Barb Busse (1)*
Homer Stevenson (26) *Glen Edington (1)*
Jan Hartung (26) *Carl Linn (1)*
Bette Gerrard (27) *Jerry Zimmerman (1)*
Debby Brian (28) *Bueford Tharp (1)*
OVERSEAS STAFF: John & Renee Carter

D.M.A. POTLUCK

The D.M.A. will have its February potluck at 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, the 26th instead of the usual noon time. This is being done to allow for all to be out and to attend the opening session of "BUILDING A SINGING CHURCH". If any need transportation or help to be out after dark, please call the church office so that pick up before and delivery after the singing can be scheduled for you.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - 1:30 P.M. on Friday, March 7 - UNION BAPTIST CHURCH.

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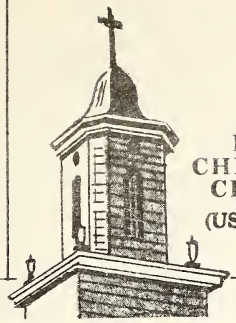

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY & SUNDAY MARCH 1 & 2
CYF Retreat (leave 9:00 A.M. Saturday

SATURDAY, MARCH 1
7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast

SUNDAY, MARCH 2
8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
5:30 P.M. Bell Choir
5:45 P.M. Bible Study
6:30 P.M. Chi Rho
7:00 P.M. Evening Worship

MONDAY, MARCH 3
7:00 P.M. Inquirer's Class

TUESDAY, MARCH 4
9:00 A.M. Ruth Group, Ruby Johns, 1635 Spring Street
7:30 P.M. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5
9:30 A.M. New Life Class
7:30 P.M. Lenten Study

THURSDAY, MARCH 6
9:30 A.M. Naomi Group, Kathlyn Banet, 933 Oakdale
10:30 A.M. Meeting re: Senior Center, Grace UCC
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

GREETINGS IN THE LORD!

We are into the Lenten Season of celebration of Christ's life especially as it was climaxed in the final week. I find myself caught up in the busyness of Inquirer's Class, Youth Discipleship Class, Lenten Study Series, our hymn singing workshop, and many other programs. Yet, my basic concern is that Christ be formed and expressed within the heart of our total constituency as well as within myself.

In addition to special efforts, I would call all to regularity of worship, church school, and our weekly giving. February has been a "down" month in our level of participation and giving. In the name of Christ, I would seek to call forth our people in these Sundays ahead. I am aware of much illness in our midst. Nevertheless, we could respond in greater faithfulness within our community of faith and its expression.

May we encourage and affirm one another! May we invite and bring newcomers with us! May we be found faithful in our expression of the grace and love of Christ experienced in our lives!

"Lord, forgive me, I have been a mouse nibbling at the edge of your bounty when in truth you intended me to be the honored guest." (Dorothy Mosher)

Harold E. Cline

SERVING MARCH 2

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Robert Johnson and George Bruckman

10:45 A.M. Bert Leversee and Ben Taylor

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. B. Schilling-SW, D. Johnson-NW, P. Yentes, M. Busse

10:45 A.M. T. Harter-SW, P. Mullen-NW, B. Mettler-NE, W. Bowen-SE, J. Johnson, K. Taylor, B. Hendricks, S. Hayes

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, S. Keebortz, T. Sauerwein

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson, G. Bozarth, R. Jackson

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. J. Wiley-J. Jump

W. Johnson - J. Stucky

D. Widler - M. Tobias

M. Hartman - M. Akers

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Peg Buskirk - Eileen Klepfer

NURSERY WORKERS

10:45 A.M. D. & B. Short

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Marilyn Byers & Mildred Tharp

GIVING COUNTERS

R. Church & R. Ripple

IN HOSPITALS

PARKVIEW:

226 - Mr. Fred Smell

331 - Mr. Richard Mory

LUTHERAN:

ICU-240 - Mr. Authur Mowery

871 - Mr. Robert Hendricks

TRANSFERRED TO HEALTH CARE CENTER

Mrs. Winnie May Ferguson is now in Room 202 at Colonial Crest Convalescent Center, 2940 North Clinton Street.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year's observance will be held at Union Baptist Church, 2200 Smith Street, on Friday, March 7 at 1:30 P.M. The worship service was written by the Christian women of Thailand. Those participating from our church are: Connie Wells, Becky Stucky, and Vee Parlette. Connie Wells and Miriam Bixenman were planning chairpersons.

FEBRUARY AVERAGES:

Worship	259
Church School	129
Through-the-Week Ed.	28
Budget Giving	$2,458.77

WEDDING BY PASTOR

Glenn Edward Wagner and Teresa Lynn Gardner on 2/23/80 at Central Christian Church in Huntington assisted by Rev. A.W. Farnsworth. They are residing at R. #6, Box 93, Huntington, IN, 46750.

PROP REQUEST: 4 bar stools are needed the the Musical, "Celebrate Life" on March 30. Contact Sara Davis or church office if possible to borrow!

THANK YOU

"The family of Wendall Glass wish to thank the members of First Christian Church for their kind expressions of sympathy while in the hospital and at the time of his passing.

They were greatly appreciated! Thank you Dr. Cline for your many visits and prayers.

Dither Glass

"WEEK OF COMPASSION"

"LORD, WHEN DID WE SEE YOU. . ."

The theme this year is a natural for the WEEK OF COMPASSION offering, "LORD, WHEN DID WE SEE YOU. . ."

We saw you in the Dominican farmer whose home was washed away, whose crops were ruined and livestock destroyed in the hurricane.

We saw you in the Cambodian babies who died of starvation before help could arrive.

We saw you in the refugees who found shelter and friends in our communities.

We saw you in the rural farmers' cooperatives and in the ecumenical church groups fighting for human rights, in the feeding shelters for children and in the food-for-work programs that end in roads and bridges and houses.

We saw you in the child who goes without an ice cream soda to provide 10 packets of seed for farmers in the Sudan.

We see you in the youth who goes without a record album to buy tools for farmers in Honduras.

We see you in the adult who chooses to give a days wages as a symbol of working shoulder-to-shoulder with someone in the Third World.

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering through Week of Compassion gives people an opportunity to show that they see the Lord in the suffering and need of others. And it allows them to do something about it.

Rice Bags similar to those used by Indian Christian women to set aside a handfull of rice were given out the last two Sunday mornings. It is hoped that each of our homes will utilize a bag on their meal table and place in it the approximate cost to feed one extra person every meal or in a one member family perhaps the cost of one meal per day. This is to dramatize and sensitize our participation in reaching out to help the hungry and hurting of our world.

Special gifts are welcome in the envelopes for this cause. We will bring our Rice Bags back on Sunday, March 16. Write family name on Bags.

LENTEN STUDY SERIES

The "Last Week of Jesus' Life" was begun on Wednesday, February 27, and will continue for five more Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00 P.M. Audio Visuals, Biblical Texts, Discussion, and Preparation Sheets are involved in this study. Join the group on March 5 and secure a Preparation Sheet. Child Care is provided.

Wed. March 5 - "The Passover Supper and Betrayal"
Wed. March 12 - "The Trial"
Wed. March 19 - "The Crucifixion"
Wed. March 26 - "The Resurrection"
Wed. April 2 - "The Upper Room"

CHILDREN'S SERMONETTE

Dr. Cline began a series of sermonettes with the children for the Lenten season last Sunday based on Jesus' last week beginning with the Triumphal Entry. Sheets will be given each week, including items for coloring, friends of Jesus, Praying, Jesus' problems, Jesus' sayings, symbols, and a quiz.

These will be used in Expanded sessions and parents are encouraged to interact and work with the children on the various sheets. It can be a family learning experience about Jesus.

MUSICAL AT WEST CREIGHTON

"ESTHER AND THE KING OF PERSIA" will be presented at West Creighton Christian Church at 8:00 P.M. on Saturday, March 1 and 5:00 P.M. on Sunday, March 2. Tickets are $2.50 for adults and $1.25 for children. It is a fun presentation of a timeless story. Secure tickets by calling their church office, 744-4950, or calling their director, Helen Donnell, 432-0152.

CYF RETREAT THIS WEEKEND

The CYF will be having a retreat this weekend, March 1 and 2. They will meet at the church at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday morning. They will be going to the cottage of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Gillespie at Lake Webster. The group will return early Sunday afternoon. Persons going should provide their own sleeping bag, a towel and wash cloth as well as other personal items needed for overnight. Sponsor couples, Bill and Ginny Johnson and Chip and Becca Olson are accompanying the group.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER
MARCH 2 - 8, 1980

Lee Baugher (2)
Frank Moody (2)
Myrtle Hendrick (3)
Ruth Yentes (4)
Linda Peterson (5)
Sally Cline (5)
Dessie Buchman (5)
Bill Johnson (5)
Benjamin McCarel (5)
Richard Hamilton (6)
Alpha Piercy (6)
Robert Orr (7)
Cora Harnish (7)
Elizabeth Flesher (8)
Hortense Futterer (8)
Jerry Warner (8)
Vada Tatman (8)

OVERSEAS STAFF FOR PRAYER DURING MARCH:
Lyndon and Susan Rogers, Church Youth Program, Buenos Aires, Argentina

PANTRY NEEDS: POWDERED MILK, SOUP, CANNED PEAS, CANNED FRUIT, TUNA

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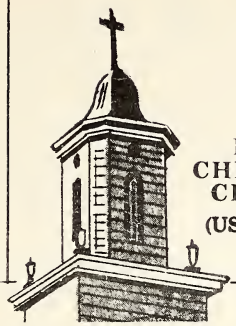

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MARCH 8
1:00 P.M. Youth Discipleship
SUNDAY, MARCH 9
8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
5:30 P.M. Bell Choir
5:45 P.M. Bible Study
6:30 P.M. Chi Rho/CYF
7:00 P.M. Evening Worship
MONDAY, MARCH 10
1:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild, Mildred Hartman, 422 W. Oakdale
7:00 P.M. Inquirer's Class
7:30 P.M. Martha Group, Rosemary Krull, 3466 S. Washington Road
TUESDAY, MARCH 11
11:30 A.M. Rebecca Group, Richard's Resturant
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12
9:30 A.M. New Life Class
7:30 P.M. Lenten Series
THURSDAY, MARCH 13
9:30 A.M. Rachel Group, Library
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS:
POWDERED MILK,
CEREAL,
TUNA,
FRUIT

CWF SPRING BANQUET

All women of our congregation are invited to a Spring Banquet at 6:30 P.M., Monday, March 17 in Fellowship Hall. Reservations are needed by Friday, March 15 in the church office. This is an occasion to bring friends and guests.

The program features Dr. John Young, Assistant Superintendent of the Fort Wayne Community Schools and a dedicated churchman. He is speaking on "HAYSEEDS FROM THE MEADOW." He is known as an inspirational speaker in a humerous vein. He will be introduced by Mildred Hartman.

Mildred Hutchinson is planning for a meaningful worship experience as a part of the program. The Martha Group is hosting and furnishing decorations.

The meal will be cooked and served by a crew of men of the church at $2.00 per person. The menu includes Baked Ham, Baked Potatoes with butter or sour cream, green peas, a salad bar for each to fix their own salad, dessert, and drink.

This is for all women--plan to come and bring guests--share in an exceptional program, meal, and fellowship!

SERVING MARCH 9

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Jack Weicker and Judy Church

10:45 A.M. Margaret Love and Dean Widler

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M. Hutchinson-SW, J. Young-NW, T. Sauerwein, K. Place

10:45 A.M. S. Schell-SW, B. Grimm-NW, H. Stevenson-NE, J. Jump-SE, S. Grimm, J. Bickel, A. Lee, E. Conrad

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, Tim Evans, W. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson, M. Callahan, J. Glasgow

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Peg Buskirk & Eileen Klepfer

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Jack & Doris Sauerwein

NURSERY WORKERS

10:45 A.M. B. Stucky, Julie Stucky

EXTENDED SESSION

NUR. II - L. Wiley

NUR. III - N. Harter, E. Conrad

K-1 -

GIVING COUNTERS

Ralph Church & Rolland Ripple

IN HOSPITALS

ST. JOSEPH:

551 - Mrs. Jane Harts

LUTHERAN:

628 - Mr. Arthur Mowery

624 - Mr. John Freed

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH

To Mr. and Mrs. Terry Borton, a son, Joshua Allen, on February 29, 1980. Maternal grandparents are Bob and Donna Johnson.

RESPONSE TO INVITATION

MR. and MRS. TERRY WALTERS, 448 Violet Ct. 07, 456-6237 made a recommitment to Christ and identified with us in a transfer of membership. Terry comes from the Salvation Army in Huntington and Celestia from South Wayne Baptist Church. Terry is employed by the city sewers and also is in National Guard. Celestia works in the office of Auto Rebuilding. They are the parents of Connie in the third grade and Kenny in the second grade. We welcome this family into our fellowship in Christ.

REQUEST FOR AID!

Whenever you register at the hospital, we request that you mention First Christian Church by name and possibly add, Dr. Cline, pastor. If it is not on the admittance form, we are not contacted normally by the hospital. Even then, it is sometimes missed. A real help to the church is for the church office to be called directly whenever someone is admitted to the hospital. We would appreciate this help so that we can relate during hospitalization!

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

To Ed and Sue Allen and family in the death of her mother in Indianapolis on 3/1/80.

To Mrs. Ellen Buchanan, in the death of her sister, Mrs. Ethel E. Trevey.

To Mrs. Ethel Zent Lahmon in the death of her brother, Emerson Zent.

LEVELS OF RESPONSIBILITY IN WRITING A WILL

Our congregation has a Standing Policy--"PROGRAM AND POLICIES FOR MEMORIALS, SPECIAL GIFTS, AND WILL BEQUESTS OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF FORT WAYNE. Information folders on this policy are always available at the church. I believe that it is one of the better such policies for a congregation and provides assurance and guidelines for donors. One of the important areas which each of us must consider is the writing of a will. In such writing we find ourselves in various levels of responsibility.

1. Major income earner with dependents. A family with dependent children or parents who need extra support make it mandatory that a will provide for maximum aid for a mate, children, and possibly parents. Our Christian faith encourages this kind of fiscal responsibility in the family. Unless there is an exceptional financial base, most all or all should provide for family care in case of untimely death.

2. A second level of responsibility comes when dependents mature and are financially independent. The prime need for a will is to care for oneself and one's mate. Perhaps beyond this basic need, a half of the residue might be for relatives and the other half for the church and Christian causes. Many wills could afford a 10% minimum request at this point for the Church.

3. A third level of responsibility comes when the family unit is down to one and the children are financially independent. Christian stewardship does not encourage loading up a recepient with luxury or abundance. Thus, perhaps up to a half of the residue estate could go to family and kin and the other 50 to 80% to the Church and/or other Christian causes.

4. A fourth level of responsibility comes for the person who does not have close or needing relatives. In such a case, a will could be written as one of our fellow members did several years ago in which the estate paid all final costs and expenses and the total residue of the estate was earmarked to First Christian Church with the title of our program clearly written in the will.

Will-writing fulfills family responsibility. As we move through life and various levels of responsibility we are enabled to fulfill more and more of our Christian commitment to the church through our will.

Harold E. Cline

C.Y.F. RETREAT

Our CYF had a good Retreat experience last Saturday and Sunday at Lake Webster. Attending were: Anne Lee, Laura Sauerwein, Terri Smith, Jill Walicki, Tim Briggs, Clint Crowe, Eric Jenkins, Rick Diester, Jeff Johnson plus Bill & Ginny Johnson, Chip & Becca Olson, and Bill and Scott Johnson.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER
MARCH 9-15

Rex Allan Clifton (9)
Arthur Busse (10)
Tana Harter (10)
Richard Dobson (10)
Kathleen Simon (10)
Mary McCarthy (12)
Florence Palmer (12)
Kevin Mory (12)
Anita Fountain (14)
Gordon Howell (14)
Ethel Shroyer (14)
Mike Akers (15)
Mark Akers (15)
Wayne Koehlinger (15)
Stephan Ludwig (15)
Carole Overmyer (15)
OVERSEAS STAFF FOR PRAYER:
Lyndon & Susan Rogers

THANK YOU TO CONGREGATION:

I wish to thank the members of First Christian Church for all of their prayers, visits, and cards during my hospital stay.

I especially want to thank Dr. Cline, Janet Weicker, and Karen Flickinger for their many visits.

Bob Hendricks

RETURN YOUR COMPLETED MEMBERSHIP AND TIME/TALENT FORMS TO THE CHURCH OFFICE! THESE FORMS WILL BE OF GREAT HELP IN OUR CONGREGATION.

LENTEN SEASON UNDERWAY

A special class for adults on Wednesday evenings and a Holy Week series of sermonettes for children are happening weekly. The pastor is in process of a series of sermons based on Christ's life intersecting with our lives. A Youth Discipleship Class is meeting on Saturdays and an Adult Inquirer's Class on Monday evenings. In addition to our regular Sunday schedule we have these events during Holy Week:

7:30 P.M. PALM SUNDAY
Musical, "CELEBRATE LIFE" by the joint choirs of First Christian and Salem United Church of Christ.

7:30 P.M. MAUNDY THURSDAY -- April 3
"TENEBRAE COMMUNION WORSHIP"

1:30 P.M. GOOD FRIDAY April 4
Community Good Friday Service in our Worship Nave for south-Fort Wayne.

EASTER CELEBRATION IS APRIL 6!

"BUILDING A SINGING CHURCH"

We had a good start on February 26 and singing was noticably different on Sunday morning the 2nd of March. Plan now for the second Workshop Night with Bob Kintner, Tuesday, March 25! Come and bring others with you!

ASSOCIATED CHURCHES BOARD

At the recent annual meeting, Ronald Flickinger was elected to the Board of Associated Churches of Fort Wayne and Allen County. Connie Wells retired from the Board at the same time.

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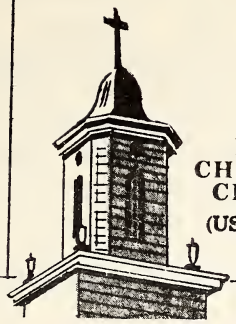

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Volume XXXVIII March 12, 1980 No. 11

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MARCH 15
7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast
1:00 P.M. Youth Discipleship

SUNDAY, MARCH 16
8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
5:30 P.M. Bell Choir
5:45 P.M. Bible Study
6:30 P.M. C.Y.F.
7:00 P.M. Evening Worship

MONDAY, MARCH 17
6:30 P.M. Spring Banquet

TUESDAY, MARCH 18
6:30 P.M. Search Committee

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19
9:30 A.M. New Life Class
7:30 P.M. Lenten Study

THURSDAY, MARCH 20
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS: CANNED FRUIT, POWDERED MILK, P-NUT BUTTER, CEREAL

RICE BAG SUNDAY

This Sunday all are invited to bring into worship the Rice Bags which have been on meal tables for the past four weeks to remind us of giving for the hurting and hungry of our world.

Some might want to figure the average cost of a meal for a person in the family is 60¢ per meal, then multiply that by 84 for the four week period--the cash or check in the Bag would thus be $50.40. If our food bill runs at 75¢ per meal served in our home it would be $63.

Here's how your gifts will be put to work:

$10 will purchase 1120 pounds of food for hungry people.

$25 will provide blankets for 6 families whose homes have been flooded.

$45 will pay for maternal health care for three mothers and their newborn babies.

$50 will plant 142 seedlings on barron, eroding land.

$75 will immunize 188 children against tetanua.

$170 will send one treadle sewing machine to a job training center to help a young person become a tailor or seamstress.

To date our Week of Compassion and Rice Bag giving totals $694.06. Our goal is $5 per participating member and we have 531 of them thus our goal is $2,655.

Give for the hurting masses in our world in 1980!

SERVING MARCH 16

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Mildred Hartman and Rolland Ripple

10:45 A.M. William Johnson and Joe Wiley

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. E. Brown-SW, S. Watson-NW, S. Allen, D. Keebortz

10:45 A.M. C. Crowe-SW, M. Finkhousen-NW, G. Davis-NE, M. Akers-SE, L. York, M. Tobias, R. Jenkins, R. Flickinger

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, W. DeVinney, M. Pontius

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson, R. Hunt, B. Kerley

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. B. Taylor - T. Harter
C. Rice - R. Flickinger
M. Hartman - J. Johnson
B. Leversee - T. Sauerwein

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Peg Buskirk & Eileen Klepfer

NURSERY WORKERS

10:45 A.M. J. & P. Bickel

EXTENDED SESSION

NUR. II - L. Wiley
NUR. III - E. Conrad
K-1 - L. McBride

ACOLYTES

Tim and Sharon Knuckles

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Dean & Elsie Widler, Sue Skelton

GIVING COUNTERS

Rolland Ripple and Ralph Church

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: 628 Mr. Arthur Mowery

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH;

To Mike and Julia Brita, a daughter, Jessica Marie, on 3/7/80. The Marvin Crouses are maternal grandparents.

RESPONSES TO INVITATION

MR. and MRS. THOMAS KNUCKLES and children, TIM and SHARON, 511 Dori Lynn, Apt. G, 07, 456-7446, identified with us in a transfer of membership. They had been members formerly and now have returned with his work at Conrail to Fort Wayne. Sue works at BHL Distributors. Tim and Sharon are eighth graders at Geyer Junior High. We welcome this family back among us.

MRS. GENIE MARCUM, 3203 Sandpoint, 09, 747-2457, confessed her allegience to Christ as Lord and will be baptized. Her husband, Carlton, has the Marcum Tree Expert Company. Genie is employed as a cashier at Scotts, is the mother of Carla, who will be three in May, and is the daughter of Lee Baugher. She graduated from Elmhurst in 1975. We welcome Genie in this important life decision!

PAPER DRIVE ON MARCH 22

The Chi Rho will hold its next paper drive on Saturday morning, March 22. Call the church office if you need papers picked up. Papers may be brought anytime prior to that Saturday.

NOTE: There will be no Chi Rho meeting on Sunday, March 16, but all are needed at 9:00 on Saturday the 22nd!

ARE YOUR MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION AND TIME/TALENT FORMS IN THE CHURCH OFFICE? If not, please complete them and return them to the church by mail, drop them by the office during hours it is open or leave in the secretary's mail box opposite the office.

SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS OF THE BOARD ON MARCH 4, 1980

On recommendation from the Refugee Sponsorship Study Task Force the Board approved the calling of a Sponsorship Task Force and the asking of the congregation for $2,000 to underwrite all anticipated needs which might arise financially. This moves us from our feasibility study to the formation of a group who would be directly responsible and relating in areas of money, job, housing, medical care, transportation, and other personal needs. It also begins the process of requesting the congregation at large for $2,000 in designated over and above giving. The budget cutting last fall did not allow funds for this program. Such gifts should be marked "Refugee Sponsorship Fund". Prompt giving will allow us to move quickly on this effort. If $20 was given by each of 100 families, we could give a family a start in life from the desperateness of their present situation.

On recommendation of the Worship and Pastoral Relations Committee the Board approved the hiring of Laura Peter as a Summer Intern according to the policies of our Church Vocation Program. Because of the heavy draw on the earnings of the Church Vocation Memorial Trust Fund, $400 of her expenses will be paid this year from budget giving.

Genevieve Ripple was approved as a member of the Board as a representative from the congregation-at-large to fill an unexpired term until June 30. The Board accepted with regrets and sincere appreciation for their faithful service the resignations of Bill Love and Margaret Love as elders and other responsibilities because of the move to Oregon about April 2nd. The Board also accepted with regrets the resignation of Robert Orr as elder, chairman of Worship and Pastoral Relations Committee, and Search Committee.

The Property Committee reported on the current work on the radiators and piping for them which is being completed. The extensive work is catching up on work that has been not scheduled and done regularly through the years. The Committee was also asked for action to complete the improvement of the Chapel lighting.

A motion was approved to host a youth group from Raytown Christian Church of greater Kansas City on June 6 including an evening program by their Inspirationaires, Hand Bell Choir, Brass Ensemble, and Puppet Theatre, and to host a busload called "SONSHINE IN CONCERT - 1980" plus preaching by their pastor Roger Guy for three evenings and Sunday morning, August 7-10.

CALLING ALL WOMEN!

The C.W.F. Spring Banquet is next Monday at 6:30 P.M. with a meal served by the men of the congregation - an excellent program headlined by Dr. John Young - THIS IS A NIGHT OUT FOR ALL OUR WOMEN!! Call the church office today and make a reservation. Guests are welcome! Call 744-3239.

PLAN FOR D.M.A.

Our DMA will have its regular potluck at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, March 25 in Fellowship Hall. Hosting are Leon & Ruby Johns, Gwynth Rice, and Roxy Wunderlich. We have BOB SIEVERS as a guest leader with his travelogue program scheduled at 1:00 P.M. Come and bring guests for this occasion!

BUILDING A SINGING CHURCH!

Plan now for Tuesday evening, March 25! Come at 7:30 and bring guests for singing and learning to sing hymns in the life of the church. This is a workshop for everyone--not just the talented singers. Choir members are urged to come at 7:00 P.M. Talk up and invite others for Tuesday night, March 25th!

RICE BAG REMINDER

Bring your RICE BAGS this Sunday, March 16 to Worship. The total Church School offering will also go for WEEK OF COMPASSION. This is a once a year special to meet human needs in our world. Give generously!

GIVING NEEDED THIS MONTH!

We rejoice in the excellent giving of the past two Sundays which brought 1980 giving current with weekly projected needs! It has overcome the low February giving.

Yet, we have a problem with a bill of $3,736 for repairs on our heating system piping in addition to one paid last month of $2,100 and will have one more due for the final week of work done. May we all give as generously as possible this month for a current need draining our cash!

March giving will complete the first quarter of 1980 and we want it to be current.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER
MARCH 16-22

George Bruckman (16)
Rex L. Clifton (16)
Robert Ogles (16)
Max Finkhousen (17)
Edna Shoe (18)
Melanie (Baugher) Springer (19)
Vince Wells (19)
Pauline Auer (20)
Laura Manes (20)
Ruby Mowery (20)
Bill Halbrook (21)
Julia (Crouse) Brita (22)
Christine Daily (22)
Pearl Heidecker (22)
Thomas Banet (22)

OVERSEAS STAFF FOR PRAYER
Lyndon and Susan Rogers

HOLY WEEK ACTIVITIES: PALM SUNDAY EVENING--7:30 P.M.--CELEBRATE LIFE--JOINT CHOIR PROGRAM WITH SALEM UCC IN OUR WORSHIP NAVE.
MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION--7:30 P.M.--APRIL 3
GOOD FRIDAY COMMUNITY WORSHIP--1:30-2:30 P.M.--APRIL 4--NAVE

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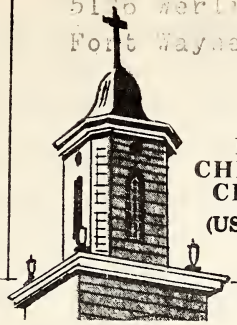

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MARCH 22
9:00 A.M. Chi Rho Paper Drive
9:00 A.M. Kitchen Clean-up

SUNDAY, MARCH 23
8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
5:30 P.M. Bell Choir
5:45 P.M. Bible Study
6:30 P.M. Chi Rho/C.Y.F.
7:00 P.M. Evening Worship

MONDAY, MARCH 24
5:45 P.M. Leave for Men's Rally in Huntington

TUESDAY, MARCH 25
12:00 Noon D.M.A. Potluck and Program
7:30 P.M. Congregational Section of "BUILDING A SINGING CHURCH"

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26
9:30 A.M. New Life Class
7:30 P.M. Lenten Study

THURSDAY, MARCH 27
7:30 P.M. COME Support Group
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS: POWDERED MILK, CEREAL, CANNED FRUIT, SOUP, P-NUT BUTTER

GREETINGS IN THE LORD!

A delight has been experienced as we have had 9 persons respond at the Invitation during the last three Sundays! My personal expectation for the church is that this should be a normal Sunday occurance. It is needed both by persons to find the fullness of relationship in Christ and for the church to be vital and growing.

Yet, I realize that this does not just happen. Much lies behind it. We must be caring and reaching out to others. Persons must find the reality of God in our midst. God will not be real if we do not evidence both the truth and love of God in realistic relationships. Faithfulness on our part expressed in various ways of life is the necessary backdrop for persons to be assured of the faithfulness of God!

Except when prevented by illness or when out of the community, can we COUNT ON ONE ANOTHER this Sunday and each Sunday as a part of a faithful community of worship, study, and fellowship giving evidence to the truth and love of God?

Harold E Cline

SERVING MARCH 23

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Ralph Church and Mildred Hartman

10:45 A.M. Barbara Short and Ben Taylor

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. B. Pauley-SW, B. Schilling-NW, D. Johnson, P. Yentes

10:45 A.M. V. Taylor-SW, J. Stucky-NW, T. Harter-NE, P. Mullen-SE, B. Mettler, W. Bowen, J. Johnson, K. Taylor

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, D. Dickey, T. Evans

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson, G. York, K. Crawford

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Susie Watson - Anne Lee

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COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Rosemary Krull & Nena Lucas

NURSERY WORKERS

10:45 A.M. C. Hendricks

EXTENDED SESSION

NUR. II - L. Wiley
NUR. III - E. Conrad
K-1 - L. McBride

IN HOSPITALS

ST. JOSEPH: 421 Mr. John Weyer
LUTHERAN: 626 Mr. Arthur Mowery
636 Mr. William Taylor
418 Mrs. Violet Manes

WEDDING BY PASTOR:

Stephen Gilliland to Susan Ryan on March 15, 1980. They are residing at 1804-A Reed Rd., 15.

CALLING FOR HELP

Kitchen Clean Up - March 22, Saturday, starting at 9:00 A.M. If you can help, call Peg Buskirk - 745-3365.

RESPONSES TO INVITATION:

ANDREW CROWE and RON FLICKINGER came forward to make commitment to Jesus as Lord and Savior.

ANDREW is the son of Joyce Crowe, 4727 Innsbruck Dr., 15,-485-2861 and RON is the son of Ronald and Karen Flickinger, 6812 Blue Mist Rd. 19, 747-6832. They will be baptized during worship on Easter Sunday.

ANDREW is a sixth grader in Harris Elementary School, collects stamps and bottle caps, likes football, math, reading, and science. His brother, Clint is a senior this year.

RON is a sixth grader in Canterbury School, and likes computers, butterflies, soccer, baseball, blackjack, air hockey, pool, ping pong, and reading. He has a younger brother, John, in the third grade.

We rejoice in these decisions and encourage others! If there are questions or concerns, call Dr. Cline.

C.Y.F. BAKE & BULB SALE

Our C.Y.F. is having a Bake Sale plus the sale of light bulb packages (5 bulbs for $2.50) this coming Sunday morning in Fellowship Hall at 9:15--9:30, 10:30-10:45, and 12:00 to 12:30. Support is desired!

CHI RHO PAPER DRIVE

Papers need to be brought by 9:00 A.M. this Saturday. If pick up is needed call 744-3239 by 5:00 P.M. on Friday. Youth and papers are due at 9:00 on Saturday morning!

BUILDING A SINGING CHURCH

Next Wednesday, March 25, is the date to both COME and BRING GUESTS for our second workshop day in hymn singing within the congregation. The basic time slot for all is from 7:30 to 9:00 P.M. As was evident, our guest leader, Robert Kintner, is enthused, dedicated, skilled and hard working to help congregations learn hymnody.

The experience is not just singing, but a combination of singing and learning about hymnody as a carrier and witness of faith. A part of the backdrop for Robert Kintner's leading is related to his experience working with music for the Christian converts in Latin America. Music was a carrier and solace of the Christian community.

A special session for choir members of our congregation and outside congregations begins at 7:00 P.M. Directors, accompanists, worship leaders, and pastors are invited at 6:00 P.M.

This is a quality--participatory--growth event for the life of our total congregation. COME and BRING GUESTS next Tuesday, March 25th!

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RICE BAGS AND WEEK OF COMPASSION

Our once a year special effort to underwrite emergency crises such as tornados, earthquakes, and hurricanes; refugee rehabilitation and resettlement, and helping the poor with food and medical care closes this Sunday. We have both used our Week of Compassion envelopes or the special ones in the pews, plus the use of Rice Bags on our meal tables to remind us to share with the hungry of the world.

Our total goal is $5 for each Participating Member of the congregation or 531 times $5 which is $2,655. To date we have received in Week of Compassion envelopes $797.61 and in the Rice Bags $772.81 for a total of $1,590.42. This is $1,064.58 below the projected goal.

If we have not already given meaningfully and sacrifically, may one of the two following suggestions be made: Give this Sunday for this cause-- the highest dinner party cost while eating out in the last year OR the cost of hosting your largest home dinner party given in the last year.

Do we CARE ENOUGH TO SHARE?

IN APPRECIATION:

The Women of First Christian Church give a great acclaimation of thanks to the men who cooked and served and cleaned up for the Spring Banquet. Those who worked that day were: Harold Cline (chief cook), Vince Wells, Earl Plummer, Walter Bowen, Dean Widler, Ennis Brown, and Don Parlette. Mike Mullen was in the Child Care room.

CALLING OUR YOUNG COUPLES!

A Progressive Dinner is planned by our Young Couples Class to start at the home of Chip & Becca Olson, 1009 Illsley, at 5:30 P.M. on Saturday, March 29. Join the Party!

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER
MARCH 23-29

Steve Grimm (23)
Terry King (23)
Bobby Pauley (23)
Margaret Love (24)
John Glasgow (24)
Rosemary Krull (25)
Judith Hoagland (25)
Robert Briggs (26)
Edwin Hall (27)
Lillian Scott (27)
Margaret Beachley (27)
Kimberly (Johnson) Borton (28)
James Buchanan (28)
Wayne Rousseau (28)
Lelia McBride (28)
Linda Hendrickson (28)
Maude Donohue (29)
Sylvia Smith (29)

OVERSEAS STAFF FOR PRAYER:
Lyndon and Susan Rogers

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in such giving was received on Sunday.

D.M.A. PROGRAM TO FEATURE BOB SIEVERS!

The Program for D.M.A. this month will feature Bob Sievers in one of his famous traveloges. The Potluck Dinner begins at 12:00 Noon. Bring a covered dish and your table service for the meal. The Program begins at 1:00 P.M. Bring guests to this program highlight!

CALLING MEN!

Men's Rally featuring Elby Boosinger speaking on "NEW MEN FOR A NEW WORLD". Dinner is being served at Central Christian Church in Huntington. We will leave our parking lot at 5:45 P.M. on March 24. Join the carload going--call the church office now to reserve a place.

COFFEE RECEPTION FOR LOVES

Honoring Bill and Margaret Love for their dedicated leadership and service will be highlighted during our Coffee Hour on Sunday, March 30. Bill and Margaret are relocating in Oregon and the movers are scheduled for April 2. Sue Allen and Janet Weicker are heading this Reception.

REFUGEE FAMILY RESETTLEMENT

As reported in the Board Actions last week, one of the two steps of preparation for sponsoring a family through our congregation is building a fund of $2,000. These will need to be designated special gifts. In order to highlight this need we will report regularly our progress towards the $2,000. $95

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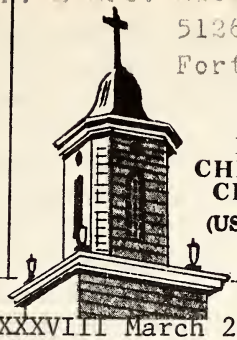

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CELEBRATE PALM SUNDAY -- HOLY WEEK

SUNDAY, MARCH 30 - PALM SUNDAY

Hosannas and praise will open our Palm Sunday worship hours at 8:15 and 10:45 A.M. this Sunday! Join in praise to the outward challenge of Jesus as he entered the Holy City on the back of a beast with the acclaim of the crowds. The Youth Bell Choir will open our Palm Sunday celebration.

Both the Children's sermonette and the sermon will move from the shouts of praise to the fickle action of the mass to crucify Jesus. The sermon title is "CHRIST'S DEATH AND MY DEATH" based on Luke 23:32-49. The love and wonder of the cross will come in the messages of music in Meditative Worship with duet by Sara Davis and Judi Hoagland and during Divine Worship by the Chancel Choir.

The Creative Worship in the Parlor at 7:00 P.M. will utilize masterpieces of art on THE CRUCIFIXION in color filmstrips with interpretation of the event by Dr. Ed Bauman. This is an informal worship including communion. Any who cannot participate in the morning are urged to take advantage of this opportunity. Others who desire a warm and caring fellowship are urged to participate.

THURSDAY, APRIL 3 - MAUNDY THURSDAY

Our special upper room communion experience commemorating the institution of this meal with Jesus' disciples will be at 7:30 P.M. on Maundy Thursday. An emphasis upon the 12 Disciples in a service of lighting and extinguishing candles will bear the message. Each will participate in the communion highlight. Our Chancel Choir will assist Dr. Cline in this service.

FRIDAY, APRIL 4 - GOOD FRIDAY

The South Fort Wayne Community Good Friday Worship will be held in our Worship Nave from 1:30 to 2:30 P.M. on Good Friday. Rev.Jim Mill-

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SERVING MARCH 30

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Mark Snyder and Charles Ludwig

10:45 A.M. Robert Rayl and Barbara Short

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M. Hutchinson-SW, J. Young-NW, T. Sauerwein

10:45 A.M. B. Hendricks-SW, S. Hayes-NW, S. Schell-NE, B. Grimm-SE, H. Stevenson, J. Jump, S. Grimm, J. Bickel

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, D. Dickey, Tony Evans

10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson, G. York, K. Crawford

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. J. Church - B. Mettler
M. Hartman - S. Watson
G. Bruckman - H. Stevenson
J. Wiley - J. Young

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Susie Watson - Anne Lee

NURSERY WORKERS

10:45 A.M. J. Hendricks

EXTENDED SESSION

NUR. II - L. Wiley
NUR. III - K. Rogers, E. Conrad
K-1 - L. McBride

ACOLYTES

Tim and Sharon Knuckles

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: 417 - Mrs. Violet Manes
419 - Mrs. Hortense Stevenson
571 - Mr. Mel Busse
ICU - Miss Barbara Finkhousen

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH

To Steven and Rhonda Bruckman, a son, Steven Daniel on 3/22. Paternal grandparents are George & Virginia Bruckman.

RESPONSE TO INVITATION

STEVEN RALPH WHITE, 3108 Adams, 06, 456-6773, made a commitment of life to Christ expressed by confession on Sunday. He works as a storekeeper at Kunkle Valve, and is married to Debra Nordblom, who has been reared in our congregation. We rejoice in this decision and his becoming a part of our family in Christ.

Decisions are expected and yearned for each Sunday. Persons need to open lives to Christ and to take a firm stand of commitment and faithfulness within a Christian Community. If any have questions about public decisions for Christ and his church, contact the pastor by calling the office, 744-3239.

RECOGNITION OF BILL AND MARGARET LOVE

Our Coffee Hour following worship at 10:45 A.M. this Sunday will recognize and honor Bill and Margaret Love. They have given significant leadership in many areas of our church life in these past 27 years. Both just resigned as elders. Margaret was our first woman elder. They are moving next week to build on their property within sight of the Pacific in Oregon. God's blessing!

THANKS TO THE WOMEN

Thanks to *Val Taylor, Charline Craig, Ellyn Kreischer, Barbara Short, Grace Truby,* and *Esther Whitton* for the preparation, serving and clean up from the serving of Clergy United group of 39 last Thursday.

GREETINGS TO MY FELLOW SAINTS OF FIRST CHRISTIAN!

May I share a burden that has been heavy on my for several weeks.

In the program developed by Dr. John Savage for which I am a workshop leader and which we in Indiana call COME and nationally we Disciples call REUNION, there is substantiated evidence of what keeps a person active in the life of a congregation. There are three things:

1. A personal and meaningful commitment to God in Christ.
2. Deep personal relationships with two or more persons in the congregation.
3. Participation in a group who care and love and express concern.

I believe that the thrust and opportunities of our congregation give rise to the first item of commitment. Many opportunities are afforded for depth involvement and growth to find a commitment of meaning and depth. More can be done and I stand open for suggestions.

The deep personal relationships will come through many ways and through variant experiences. These are not directly structurable. They come through such as working together, doing together, praying together, eating together, playing together, singing together and sharing together. They demand give and take on the part of both persons and mutual identification.

My burden surrounds the participation in a caring and relating group. These can be our Church School Classes, our C.W.F. groups, our Youth Fellowships, our choirs, and many other groups of church life. I am hearing clearly and loudly that our groups are failing to care in some circumstances! This distresses me! Thus, I would challenge every Church School teacher and participant. Are you developing the loving and caring and faithful relationships within your group? Do we care enough to call and go out of the way for someone who might be hurting? What I am saying for Church School can be applied in each of the other categories. Are we building bonds in Christ which are steadying and supportive for life with its many ups and downs?

A final concern closely associated with our group life-are we an enlister for our group? Do we reach out beyond the present group to bring in others of the congregation, our circle of friends or our acquaintances. Group enlistment can be building blocks for the church.

May we share together the responsibility of the most vital life and ties in Jesus Christ for every person who darkens our doors or who we might reach in His name! See you Sunday!

Harold E. Cline

HOLY WEEK - GOOD FRIDAY (from page one)

er of Epworth United Methodist Church will preach. Both the choirs of Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren and Grace United Church of Christ will sing. Other participants will be from the five other sponsoring congregations.

SUNDAY, APRIL 6 - EASTER SUNDAY

Every Christian should celebrate the resurrection in one of three worships of joy and victory and assurance! In addition to our own worship, bring others to share the Easter triumph with you!

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast
5:30 P.M. Progressive Dinner for Young Couples' Class begins at Chip & Becca Olson's 1009 Illsley

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
12:00 Noon Coffee Hour honoring Bill & Margaret Love
5:30 P.M. Bell Choir
5:45 P.M. Bible Study
6:30 P.M. Chi Rho & C.Y.F.
7:00 P.M. Creative Worship

MONDAY, MARCH 31

7:30 P.M. Christian Education Committee, Doris Sauerwein, 4715 South Wayne

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

9:30 A.M. New Life Class
7:30 P.M. Lenten Study

THURSDAY, APRIL 3

7:30 P.M. Maundy Thursday Communion

FRIDAY, APRIL 4

1:30 P.M. Good Friday Worship

PANTRY NEEDS: POWDERED MILK, CEREAL, P-NUT BUTTER, SOUP, CANNED FRUIT, TUNA

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER
MARCH 30 - APRIL 5

Nancy Wyant (30) Marshall Smith (2)
Pam Akers (30) Sylvia Engle (3)
Connie Wells (30) Anna Chasar (3)
Robert Baron (31) Harley Morphew (4)
Rose Jenkins (1) Stella Houk (4)
Gladys Harshbarger (1)
Tom Knuckles (1) Sharon Pauley (5)
Anne Shirley (5)

OVERSEAS STAFF FOR PRAYER:
Lyndon & Susan Rogers

MEN'S BREAKFAST SATURDAY!

Our Saturday morning group of men from 7:00 to 8:30 A.M. every other Saturday has been having some new participants. It is open to any man--young or old! This Saturday, the 29th our study is on "LOVING ONE'S FAMILY" Join in the informal breakfast and the discussion together with men!

IMPORTANT BOARD MEETING

Plan now for the April Board meeting - Tuesday, April 8. A recommendation is coming from the Search Committee for Interim Pastoral Leadership!

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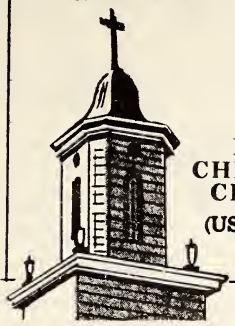

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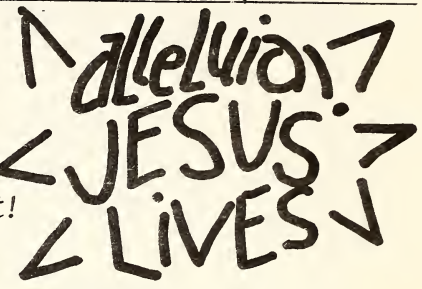

ALLELUIA!
It's a great day, Lord! Christ is risen!
God is alive! It's true! It's a fact!
This is a day for exclamation points!
And shouts of joy and laughter and song!
Lord, I need this spirit, this joy, these exclamation points as I live each day in life's gray shadows.
Help me, Lord! Help me to live daily in perpetual Easter!
(Robin Van Cleef in ALIVE NOW)

CELEBRATE EASTER IN WORSHIP AND STUDY

8:15 A.M. EASTER CELEBRATION WORSHIP

C.Y.F. Youth Assisting - Chancel Choir singing - Youth Bell Choir playing - Sermon: "CHRIST'S RESURRECTION AND OUR RESURRECTION" - Luke 24:1-48. - Communion.

9:30 A.M. CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL

Be one of 200 in Church School classes for children, youth, and adults! Study in groupings and relationship!

10:45 A.M. EASTER CELEBRATION WORSHIP

Decisions and baptisms are anticipated. Music includes Chancel Choir, Children's Choir, and Youth Bell Choir. Sermon by Dr. Cline "CHRIST'S RESURRECTION AND OUR RESURRECTION." Communion and Prayers. Sing out your joy and praise to the Lord!

7:00 P.M. INFORMAL CREATIVE WORSHIP

Service in the Parlor utilizing a sound filmstrip on the RESURRECTION prepared by the Bauman Media Associates - experience the message of resurrection in pictures - communion - informality.

MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION - 7:30 P.M., THURSDAY, APRIL 3

COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP - 1:30-2:30 P.M., FRIDAY, APRIL 4

SERVING APRIL 6

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Robert Johnson and George Bruckman

10:45 A.M. William Johnson and Joe Wiley

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Church-SW, E. Brown-NW, S. Watson, D. Keebortz

10:45 A.M. A. Lee-SW, E. Conrad-NW, C. Crowe-NE, M. Finkhousen-SE, G. Davis, M. Akers, P. Mullen, M. Tobias

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, S. Keebortz

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson, G. Bozarth, R. Jackson

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. G. Bruckman - C. Crowe
R. Rayl - B. Pauley
C. Rice - J. Young
D. Widler - W. Bowen

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Delores Keebortz & Beth Schilling

NURSERY WORKERS

10:45 A.M. S. Knuckles, K. Byers, B. Stucky

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: M123 Mrs. Edna Vaught

MARCH AVERAGES:

Worship	278
Church School	122
Through-the-week Education	37
Budget Giving	$3,003.27

NEW MEMBERS DURING MARCH:

Terry & Celestia Walters
Tom, Susan, Tim & Sharon Knuckles
Genie Marcum
Ron Flickinger
Andrew Crowe
Steven White

THANK YOU NOTES:

Thank you so much for the cards and visits and especially the plant on my 90th birthday.

Lillian Scott

To our Church family:

How does one say thank you for years of love and support? We shall miss each and every one of you in a special way, and we'll look forward to news via TIDINGS and your letters.

It was a lovely party and we'd like to thank all of those who baked cookies and helped in preparing it. We appreciated the opportunity to be able to greet and visit with so many of you. We would remind those who promised to come and visit and any others, that our latch string is ever out. You all come!

We shall continue to pray for First Christian, its future and all of you who are so dear to us.

Shalom,

Margaret and Bill Love

FUNERAL OF MEMBER

Mrs. Ada Greider on 4/1/80. She had been a member for over 50 years. Sympathy is extended to her husband, Sam, and grandchildren.

BUDGET GIVING - FIRST QUARTER

Budget Goal	$ 42,470.50
Giving-13 weeks	39,793.02
Current shortage	$ 2,677.47
WEEKLY NEED	3,267.00
Weekly Average	3,061.00

CELEBRATE EASTER WITH AN OFFERING OF $5,934.47!

RESURRECTION-CELEBRATE AN EVENT, EXPERIENCE THE RISEN CHRIST!

The resurrection of Jesus was an event which gave rise to many things 1) The disciples were transformed from frightened and disappointed men to persons of confidence, boldness, and faithfulness. They moved from despair to joy. 2) The emergence of the church in history is a reality coming out of this event. 3) The twenty-seven writings which we call the New Testament would never have been written had Jesus ended a crucified revolutionary. 4) The early church immediately changed its day of worship from the Sabbath to the first day of the week in testimony and honor of the resurrection.

As the disciples and early church experienced the resurrection, so too today it is possible to know the resurrection of the risen Lord in the community of faith. John Knox puts it this way, *"The first community was convinced that he who had died lived again. They were convinced of this not primarily because some of them had visual experiences of him, but because the Spirit had come upon them. We too are convinced that he who died lives still, and in our case too this conviction is not the consequence of visual experiences reported in the Gospels and Epistles, but in the presence of the Spirit in the community. This Spirit authenticates itself both as a divine Spirit--it comes from God--and also as the Spirit of Christ...The one remembered is known still...The one who lived and died--even he! -- lives still; and it is possible still both to walk with him in the way and to know him in the breaking of the bread. This is the meaning of the resurrection in any sense that matters."*

The resurrection was the crowning event in Jesus' life by which God authenticated his life and ministry. Jesus pointed out the possibilities of humanity and gave us a portrait of the nature of God. Beyond the affirmation both at baptism and the transfiguration, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him!", the resurrection climaxes the truth that he is both Lord and Christ.

But it is not only a sign of God's presence in Jesus, it is a sign of God's yearning for his resurrection power to be alive in all of us. He both created us in love and is acting to transform us from death to life. In all experiences of our daily dying--the things we have to relinquish, the things we outgrow, the things that are taken fromus, his resurrection presence is at work offering us new life, greater wholeness of life. Finally, in the death of the physical body, he is present in his resurrection power to offer us a glorious new spiritual body appropriate for the next stage of life in the pilgrimmage within God's love.

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RESURRECTION (from page three)

The resurrection event, experienced by the early disciples and by th community of faith today, means that God was present in the life c Jesus and that he is present in our lives, transforming and transmutin death into life. Paul speaks for all of us in the Christian community when he shouts, "THANKS BE TO GOD WHO GIVES US THE VICTORY THROUG JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD!"

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, APRIL 6
8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
5:30 P.M. No Bell Choir
5:45 P.M. Bible Study
6:30 P.M. Chi Rho & CYF
7:00 P.M. Evening Worship

MONDAY, APRIL 7
7:30 P.M. Search Committee

TUESDAY, APRIL 8
7:30 P.M. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9
9:30 A.M. New Life Class

THURSDAY, APRIL 10
9:30 A.M. Rachel Group
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS: POWDERED MILK, SOUP, CEREAL, FRUIT

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER APRIL 6-12

Reba Fusselman (6)
Scott Keebortz (6)
Teresa Meadows (6)
Genevieve Ripple (6)
Ann Sands (9)
Ethel Flowers (10)
Betty Grimm (10)
Charles Ludwig (10)
Becky Glasgow (12)

OVERSEAS STAFF FOR PRAYER IN APRIL: Mrs. Lois Hodrick who serves in the Institut Medical Evangelique in Zaire as a nurse.

IMPORTANT BOARD MEETING

The Board will meet at 7:30 P. M. next Tuesday, April 8. A major recommendation from the Search Committee will be presented toward hiring interim leadership. Every member is needed!

REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP

Designated giving received to date for this project totals $173.00. All persons willing and interested in helping with this program are asked to come to an open organizational and planning meeting at 7:30 P.M. on Thursday, April 17. Gifts to underwrite this ministry of giving a chance need to be clearly marked, "REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP."

DECISIONS FOR CHRIST AND THE CHURCH

If any have questions or concerns which are causing them to hold back on expressing a public commitment to Christ and the church, they are asked to contact Dr. Cline. If any desire baptism on Easter, likewise contact should be made. We anticipate both baptisms and decisions during our Easter worships! We invite your allegiance expressed as your personal Easter victory!

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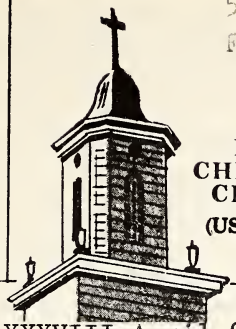

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, APRIL 12
7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast
SUNDAY, APRIL 13
8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
5:30 P.M. Bell Choir
5:45 P.M. Bible Study
6:30 P.M. Chi Rho & CYF
MONDAY, APRIL 14
10:00 A.M. Study Group
1:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild, Ethel Shroyer, 4821 Tacoma
7:30 P.M. Martha Group, Barbara Short, 3714 S. Monroe
7:30 P.M. Evangelism/Church Growth Committee
TUESDAY, APRIL 15
7:30 P.M. Lay Personnel Committee
7:30 P.M. Deborah Group, Gini Brown, 4810 Tillman Road
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16
7:30 P.M. Mini-Bus Task Force
THURSDAY, APRIL 17
6:00 P.M. Search Committee
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir
7:30 P.M. Refugee Sponsorship Task Force
FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY
APRIL 18, 19, & 20
"ENDURING STEWARDSHIP WEEKEND"
FRIDAY, APRIL 18
6:30 P.M. ALL-CHURCH BIRTHDAY DINNER
SATURDAY, APRIL 19
12:00 Noon D.M.A.

COMMISSIONED PERSONS PREACHING ON SUNDAY

In the spring of 1979, we commissioned STEVEN HARTER, our chairman of elders, to become a licensed preacher for the Saturn Christian Church. His anticipation is to move from the educational world to seminary in the fall of 1981. Last June, we commissioned ANDREA BENNY, to become a Lay Pastor of the Waynedale United Methodist Church. She was a deaconess and chairwoman of Evangelism.

Andrea will be preaching during our Meditative Worship at 8:15 A.M. with the title, "WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?" based on Luke 4:18.

Steve will be preaching during our worship at 10:45 A.M. with the title, "THE HUNGRY WILL BE FILLED." based on Matthew 5:3-11. Rosemary Krull will be leading the Children's Sermonette as a clown.

Dr. Cline will be in Texas for the weekend where he is leading a workshop at the East Dallas Christian Church to introduce the "COME" or "REUNION" Program to the Southwest Regin of the Disciples on behalf of Evangelism and Membership of the Division of Homeland Ministries.

There will be no worship hour at 7:00 P.M. this Sunday evening.

SERVING APRIL 13

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Charles Ludwig and Ralph Church

10:45 A.M. Bert Leversee and Robert Rayl

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. S. Allen-SW, D. Keebortz-NW, B. Pauley, B. Schilling

10:45 A.M. R. Jenkins-SW, R. Flickinger-NW, V. Taylor-NE, J. Stucky-SE, T. Harter, P. Mullen, B. Mettler, W. Bowen

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, Tim Evans, W. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson, M. Callahan, J. Glasgow

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. B. Leversee - M. Akers
B. Taylor - Dick Johnson
Robert Johnson - E. Brown
G. Bruckman - S. Allen

COMMUNION PREPARATION

D. Keebortz - B. Schilling

NURSERY WORKERS

10:45 A.M. M. & C. Akers

EXTENDED SESSION

NUR. II - E. Place
NUR. III - L. Jackson, N. Lucas
K-1 -

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Mike & Pat Mullen

GIVING COUNTERS

Jack Bickel & Delmas Young

IN HOSPITALS

PARKVIEW: 752 Mr. Leon Johns
LUTHERAN: M123 Mrs. Edna Vaught
346 Mrs. Barbara Johnson

WEEK OF COMPASSION-RICE BAGS

Our total special giving for Week of Compassion was $930.14 and $919.86 in the Rice Bags for a grand total of $1,850. THANKS TO ALL WHO GAVE!

RESPONSES TO INVITATION:

Our Easter Worship included the satisfying experience of two making transfers of membership to our congregation and two confessing Christ and being baptized.

MR. and MRS. GEORGE ELLIS HOSFIELD II, 209 E. Branning, 06, 446-9573, identified with our congregation in a transfer of membership from First Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Knoxville, Tennessee. George works for the Northern Indiana Medical Systems Agency. Robin is a nurse on the third floor of Moellering at Lutheran Hospital. They have a son, Gregory, who was one in March.

RON FEASER, 5627 South Wayne, 07, 745-0867 and ELAINE PARROT, 4606 S. Monroe, 06, 745-1526 confessed their allegiance to Christ as Lord and were united with him in Christian baptism. Ron is a graduate of South Side and works for American Automatic Food Services and Elaine is employed at Peerless Cleaners on South Calhoun.

We welcome these fellow participants in our expression of Christ's body in the world!

THANKS FOR LEADERSHIP!

To our musical staff and choirs, to our elders, diaconate members, ushers, and worship leaders--THANKS for your help in makine our Holy Week be highlighted with meaningful worship! Thanks for the gift of the Palms and Easter Lilies!

PANTRY NEEDS: SOUP, CANNED FRUIT, CEREAL, P-NUT BUTTER

GUEST LEADER -- FRANK SPRINGER -- WEEKEND OF APRIL 18--20

ALL CHURCH BIRTHDAY DINNER - 6:30 P.M. on FRIDAY, APRIL 18
Persons will be enlisting all members to come for this birthday celebration which opens with a potluck dinner other than the ham, rolls, butter and drink which will be furnished. All will sit by tables decorated and separated by birthday months. Younger children should be reserved a place with parents or if old enough, at the table of their birth month. Decorations and some program contribution will come from each table. This motif will allow for meeting and relating to new persons in our fellowship. All are invited and urged to participate. PLAN NOW FOR 6:30 ON FRIDAY, APRIL 18th! THIS IS A FELLOWSHIP CELEBRATION!

FRANK J. SPRINGER will conclude this evening with a message of inspiration and challenge. Frank was a dedicated layman while serving as a manager for the J.C. Penney Company and later as a leader in insurance and investments. From this base he attended Seminary and has worked since Seminary graduation in this decade for the Division of Homeland Ministries in the area of Development. Frank comes first and foremost and always as a DEDICATED CHRISTIAN especially appealing to persons of commitment and open to the Spirit of God. Added to this foundation, he is skilled and knows the area of financial planning and Christian Stewardship. We believe that he is a resource person from whom we can gain inspiration, learn much, and be helped to make the most responsible choices in the area of financial and estate planning.

INDIVIDUALS AND COUPLES are invited to take advantage of Frank's skills and abilities by setting appointments with him by calling the church office, 744-3239. He will meet with persons on the individual basis from 9:00 to 12:00 A.M. and 2:00 to 5:00 P.M. on Saturday the 19th or from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. Sunday. Please call-first come, first served-basis.

THE D.M.A. will hold their April Potluck at 12:00 Noon on Saturday the 19th. Hosting the day are Grace Truby, Gladys Hoop, Mary Cook, and Bernice Montgomery. Frank Springer and Sam Hayes will deal with insurance and financial matters of seniors in brief presentations and through questions and answers.

FRANK SPRINGER WILL BE PREACHING AT BOTH THE 8:15 AND 10:45 A.M. HOURS ON SUNDAY, APRIL 20th!

IMPORTANT MEETINGS NEXT WEEK!

7:30, Monday, 14th - EVANGELISM AND CHURCH GROWTH

7:30, Tuesday, 15th - LAY PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

7:30, Wednesday, 16th - MINI-BUS TASK FORCE

6:00, Thursday, 17th - SEARCH COMMITTEE

7:30, Thursday, 17th - REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP TASK FORCE - ALL WHO ARE WILLING TO HELP WITH THIS PROGRAM ARE URGED TO BE PRESENT!

6:30, Friday, 18th - ALL-CHURCH BIRTHDAY DINNER-KICK-OFF WEEK-END OF "ENDURING STEWARDSHIP" with Frank Springer as Guest Leader

12:00 Noon, Saturday, 19th D.M.A. Potluck and Program with Frank Springer and Sam Hayes on the program.

EASTER CELEBRATION - 4/6/80	
Worship	450
Church School	144
Budget Giving	$4,464.60
Total Giving	$5,702.20

JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY SINGING -- "EVERY MORNING IS EASTER MORNING FROM NOW ON" - The resurrection celebration lives on!

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER
APRIL 13-19, 1980

Jim Heavin (13)
Bud O'Laughlin (13)
Phyllis Tobias (13)
John Merrill, Jr. (13)
Fern Strole (14)
Golden Rose (14)
Ruth Yost (15)
Diane Freimuth (16)
Richard Jackson (16)
Lillian Busse (17)
Nick Keirn (17)
Ed Wooldridge (17)
Opal Heller (18)
Jim Hirschy (19)
Iva Imbody (19)
David Moody (19)
Cindy Yentes (19)
OVERSEAS STAFF:
Mrs. Lois Hodrick

YOUTH TO BUTLER CAMPUS FOR CYF MEET

Anne Lee, Gary York and Jeff Johnson are attending the Regional CYF event at Butler University this Friday through Sunday. Chad Cline will be present from Texas representing Texas Christian University.

CHI RHO MEETING THIS SUNDAY!

The Chi Rho Fellowship will meet this Sunday at 6:30 P.M. Be sure to collect your pledges and bring them to this meeting. We will also be working on plans for our Bike Rally on April 13. We need you!

MONDAY STUDY GROUP

The Monday Study Group which meet at 10:00 A.M. every other Monday morning invites new participants. Come, next Monday the 14th as the group begins a new study on the book of James in the New Testament.

EASTER OUTREACH OFFERING:

$723.43 has been received to date in this giving for Basic Mission Finance to undergird evangelism in our land and overseas. Use special envelopes and put this over $1,000 this Sunday!

CALLING ALL MEN!

This Saturday morning from 7:00 to 8:30 A.M. - Men's Breakfast will be prepared by George Bruckman and Bert Leversee. Discussion is on "LOVING OUR EMPLOYEES." The group has had excellent discussion and new faces in recent weeks. Come this Saturday morning!

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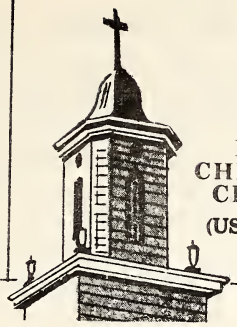

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ALL CHURCH BIRTHDAY DINNER

All are invited at 6:30 P.M. for a potluck meal in Fellowship Hall. Ham, drinks, rolls and butter will be furnished. Bring a covered dish and table service.

Fellowship through birthday celebration is one keynote of our dinner. Persons will be seated according to birth months rather than as couples or family groups. Younger children needing parents will be seated with one or the other. This mix is for acquaintance and enjoyment. The tables will be decorated by the twelve months and a skit, song, or bit will recognize each one.

Those working with the monthly enlisters include *Marilyn Byers, Ruby Cline, Virginia Bruckman, Charline Craig, Sue Allen,* and *Karen Flickinger.* The whole weekend was planned by the Stewardship Committee under Ed Allen.

Child Care will be provided for the serious part of the program which is the inspirational message by *Frank Springer* entitled, "MONEY: ME-YOU-GOD."

The D.M.A. will meet Saturday at 12:00 noon for its monthly potluck. *Sam Hayes* will join in the program with *Frank.*

GUEST PREACHER - FRANK SPRINGER

We welcome into our pulpit a pastor who had been a dedicated Christian layman for 22 years. *FRANK T. SPRINGER* will be preaching Sunday with the theme, "LOOK-IN' GOOD" based on Titus 3:14. Elders *Rolland Ripple* will preside at 8:15 A.M. and *Barbara Short* at 10:45 A.M.

Since 1973, Mr. Springer has worked on Development for the Division of Homeland Ministries.

He was born in Kansas, served during World War II in the Marines in the South Pacific, and then graduated from Phillips University with a degree in accounting and economics. For 14 years he was a manager for J.C. Penney Co. and then was in life insurance and investments for 18 years. After this experience he entered Phillips and completed Seminary education. While a layman, he served on boards of four congregations, elder in three, and led some home study groups and taught Church School classes.

Mr. Springer will be available for personal or family consultations on Saturday from 9:00 to 12:00 and 2:00 to 5:00 and Sunday from 2:00 to 4:00. Make appointments by calling the church office!

SERVING APRIL 20

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. William Franklin and Jack Weicker

10:45 A.M. Dean Widler and Joe Wiley

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Johnson-SW, P. Yentes-NW, M. Busse, M. Hutchinson

10:45 A.M. J. Johnson-SW, K. Taylor-NW, B. Hendricks-NE, S. Hayes-SE, S. Schell, B. Grimm, H. Stevenson, J. Jump

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, W. DeVinney, M. Pontius

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson, R. Hunt, B. Kerley

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Bev Hendricks - Pat Mullen

ACOLYTES

Larry Taylor - Julie Briggs

EXTENDED SESSION

NUR. II - E. Place

NUR. III - N. Lucas, L. Jackson

K-1

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Harold & Edna Nordblom

GIVING COUNTERS

Jack Bickel & Delmas Young

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

M123 - Mrs. Edna Vaught

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: SUNDAY, MAY 18, 1980!

Spring Congregational Dinner at 12:15 P.M. Program will be "CELEBRATE LIFE" by combined choirs of FCC and Salem United Church of Christ directed by Mel Busse at 1:30 following business and other items.

his name to further your youth

THANK YOU NOTES:

Thank you so much for the cards and calls during our recent sickness. Thanks to Dr. Cline and Mrs. Weicker and others for their visits.

Leon & Ruby Johns

I wish to thank Dr. Cline, Karen Flickinger, Janet Weicker and each of my church family for your visits, your prayers and your love during my recent surgery and hospital stay.

In His love,

Barb Johnson

On Tuesday, April 8, during a rainstorm, my housekeeper suffered the misfortune of a flat tire at the corner of Homestead and Liberty Mills Roads. As she prepared to walk to my home in Forest Ridge with her sack of groceries, a Homestead H.S. senior stopped his car and, in a driving rain, changed the tire. When she offered to pay him, he graciously refused saying that we was glad to be of assistance.

I feel that this unselfish act by Jeff Johnson needs to be recognized, especially in an era that tends to focus on the negative activities of students.

When I called Jeff to express my appreciation, he said, "I was just doing my Christian duty." In lieu of the monetary offer refused by Jeff, please accept this check in activities.

Sincerely, Jack Boyd, D.D.S.

SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS OF CHURCH BOARD ON APRIL 8, 1980

Maurice and Avis Thompson were hired as Interim Pastors for First Christian on a flexible basis and for a flexible time duration. Their official beginning date was April 15, but their first Sunday with us will be April 27. Their work assignment includes: Avis: CWF - general organization and circles for planning, support, encouragement, and organizational help. EDUCATION - Summertime activities for children including planning, support, administration; General support of current teaching staff; Attend and be resource person for Education Committee; Relate to Summer Intern development in Education. Maurice: GENERAL PASTORAL NEEDS especially in absence of Senior Pastor and in so far as possible at other times, CALLING on shut-ins and Nursing Homes, weekly hospital rounds when here, negotiation calls with inactives to determine exactly where they see their relationship with this church; and Shepherding role with one half of shepherding elders. Miscellaneous: Some D.M.A. trip leadership; Worship leading and some preaching; possible teaching in the School of Christian Growth; attend meetings of elders and Board of Trustees. *(NPTE: A full announcement about the Thompsons will be made in the next issue of THE TIDINGS.)*

A technical action was taken concerning a deferred annunity of the pastor with the Pension Fund of the Christian Church.

Among the various reports, the Education Committee announced a celebration day for the 200th Anniversary of Church School on October 12. The next meeting of the Board was set for Tuesday, May 13 which will be in the week preceeding the congregational dinner on May 18th.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER
APRIL 20-26, 1980

Cecile Chevalier (20)
Arlene Downes (20)
Robby Pauley (20)
Myrna Steigerwald (20)
Julia Hendricks (21)
Gail Roe (21)
Karen Zimmerman (21)
Opal Carper (21)
Laura Marks (22)
Sherri Melchi (22)
Dean Howard (22)
Joe Snouffer (23)
Patrice Stucker (23)
Becca Olson (23)
Vernabelle McCandless (23)
Geneva Ferguson (25)
OVERSEAS STAFF: Lois Hodrick

CHALLENGE TO GIVE!

ANNUAL BUDGET	$169,882
BUDGET - 15 weeks	49,005
GIVING - 15 weeks	46,808
CURRENT SHORTAGE	2,197
NEEDED WEEKLY	3,267
GIVING - 4/13	2,550

NOTE: As of 3/31 we had estimates of giving which were behind at a total of $4,070. If we would be current and regular we could be on target for 1980! It takes every giver doing the utmost!

CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY, APRIL 18
6:30 P.M. ALL-CHURCH BIRTHDAY DINNER
SATURDAY, APRIL 19
9:00-12:00 Noon - Times available with Frank Springer
12:00 Noon D.M.A. POTLUCK & PROGRAM
2:00-5:00 P.M. = Times available with Frank Springer
SUNDAY, APRIL 20
8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
5:30 P.M. Bell Choir
5:45 P.M. Bible Study
6:30 P.M. Chi Rho & C.Y.F.
2:00 - 4:00 P.M. - Time available with Frank Springer
MONDAY, APRIL 21
6:30 P.M. Area I Board Meeting West Creighton Christian
TUESDAY, APRIL 22
6:00 P.M. BUILDING A SINGING CHURCH - Session with directors, pastors, accompanists
7:00 P.M. Session with choirs
7:30 P.M. Session for everyone
THURSDAY, APRIL 24
7:30 P.M. Ecumenical Choir Rehearsal
7:30 P.M. COME Support Group

PANTRY NEEDS: VEGETABLES & FRUIT, CEREAL, POWDERED MILK, P-NUT BUTTER

REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP FUND

At the time of writing this week we have $248 on hand for this project. Gifts must be clearly marked "REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP."

BUILDING A SINGING CHURCH

Our third monthly session o this workshop will be at 7:30 P M. next Tuesday, April 22. As w come to this final night, it i apparent that the church is per sons and a singing church onl comes when people enjoy and par ticipate in singing. Earlie participants know the commitmen and drive of our guest leader fo the development of hymn singin in the congregation for children youth and adults by accentuatin the rhythum and melody.

We welcome Robert Kintner t this final night among us. H opens at 6:00 P.M. with a sessio for pastors, music leaders, an accompanists. All choir member and singers are invited at 7:0 P.M. The whole congregation young and old, musically illiter ate or literate, leader or fol lower--all are wanted to come an sing at 7:30 P.M.

Child care is provided fro 6:45 to 9:15 P.M. Take folder and invite friends and neighbors members of other congregation and non church persons--all ca enjoy and gain from this night- TUESDAY, APRIL 22 at 7:30 P.M.

CYF -- COME ONE -- COME ALL!

This Sunday night at the regular C.Y.F. meeting we will hear a report of the Regional C.Y.F event which was held last week- end in Indianapolis. We will also make plans for the rest of the school year. You won't want to miss a thing!

WORSHIP SUNDAY MORNING

Hear our guest preacher who had a business career of 22 years before entering Seminary! Hear Frank Springer share from his life and faith commitment.

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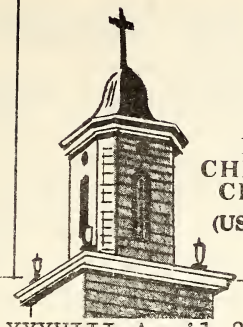

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WELCOME INTERIM PASTORS

We will give a special welcome this Sunday as we formally meet *MAURICE and AVIS THOMPSON* as Interim Pastors who will be working with Dr. Cline until an Associate is hired and on the field.

MAURICE will assist Dr. Cline as a worship leader during both worship hours. *AVIS* will be introduced as she makes a round of all the Church School classes at 9:30 A.M. They will be special guests during our Coffee Hour at 12:00 in Fellowship Hall.

He will be giving major attention to pastoral work and calling while she will focus on education and CWF as staff persons. They will reside in their retirement home, R. 8, Box 313A, Huntington, 46750 - Phone 356-4241.

Since retirement in 1976, he has given interim leadership at Central Christian in Lima, Ohio, Central Christian, Huntington, and North Christian, Fort Wayne. His major pastorates include: FCC, Salem, Indiana, First Christian Church, Salem, Oregon, Central Christian Church, Huntington, and Broad Ripple Christian, Indianapolis. They began their ministry

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ECUMENICAL CHOIR FESTIVAL

Both the Children's Choir and the Chancel Choir will participate in Ecumenical Choral Festivals on April 27. The Children's Choir will sing at the First Presbyterian Church at 4:00 P.M. Several choirs from Lutheran, Presbyterian and Methodist churches will participate as well as First Christian.

Our Chancel Choir will join with four other congregations this Sunday night, April 27, at 7:30 P.M. at the New Haven United Methodist Church, 630 Lincoln Highway East, for the annual Ecumenical Choir Festival. Participating congregations include: Christ United Methodist, New Haven United Methodist, Simpson United Methodist, Waynedale United Methodist, and First Christian. In addition to anthems by the joint choirs, part of the special music will be a trio consisting of Judi Hoagland, Sara Davis, and Rebecca Stucky. Our director, Sara Davis and our organist, Jerry Zimmerman, will participate as well as the members of our Chancel Choir.

This musical delight is open to the enjoyment of everyone!

SERVING APRIL 27

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Judy Church and Rolland Ripple

10:45 A.M. Joe Wiley and Bert Leversee

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Young-SW, T. Sauerwein-NW, K. Place, E. Brown

10:45 A.M. S. Grimm-SW, J. Bickel-NW, A. Lee-NE, E. Conrad-SE, C. Crowe, M. Finkhousen, G. Davis, M. Akers

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, D. Dickey, Tony Evans

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson, G. York, K. Crawford

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. D. Widler - R. Jenkins
M. Snyder - M. Hutchinson
W. Crouse - P. Yentes
R. Rayl - E. Conrad

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Bev Hendricks - Pat Mullen

NURSERY WORKERS

10:45 A.M. B.J. & B. Mettler

EXTENDED SESSION

NUR. II - E. Place
NUR. III - L. Jackson, N. Lucas
K-1 - R. Krull

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Don & Barb Short

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:
M303 - Mr. Ralph Keller

ST. JOSEPH:
450 - Mr. Arza Smith

NEW ADDRESS FOR LOVES

Bill & Margaret Love have a new address in Eugene:

2880 Garfield St.
Eugene, OR 97405

WELCOME (from page one)

at Laud and Saturn Churches in Whitley County.

They have two daughters, Lynn, who is married and living in Brazil and Sue who is a teacher in Kent, Washington, and who will be married in July.

Avis has given much leadership to CWF and took courses in Christian education in the Butler School of Religion. She enjoys sewing and reading. He received his bachelor of divinity from Butler School of Religion in 1940 and an honorary Doctor of Divinity from Christian Theological Seminary in 1960. He enjoys being a ham radio operator, fishing, and traveling with his wife.

Both have held major responsibilities in the Christian Church in Indiana over the years.

We greet the Thompsons to give a leadership lift at this time of a staff vacancy!

CWF CALLED MEETING THIS SUNDAY TO ELECT OFFICERS

There will be a meeting of the CWF in the Parlor immediately following the 10:45 Worship Hour on Sunday. The following slate of officers will be presented for election:

President - Miriam Bixenman
1st Vice-President - Barb Johnson
2nd Vice-President - Pat Mullen
Secretary - Ellyn Kreischer
Treasurer - Val Taylor

PROGRAM OF MEMORIALS, SPECIAL GIFTS, AND WILL BEQUESTS
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, FORT WAYNE, INDIANA, 1978 -- 1979

Our Policy was designed and approved in the spring of 1972 which allowed for usage of the gifts from the estate of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Betz and Miss Verna Sullivan.

CHURCH VOCATION MEMORIAL TRUST FUND
Fund Principal $29,872
Accumulated Earnings 5,859
ENDOWMENT MEMORIAL TRUST FUND
Principal 6,598
BUILDING & EQUIPMENT FUND
6,598

This was a total of $36,470 in the permanent endowments and $12,457 in the usable funds as of January 1, 1972 which was the date used to set the prior gifts. As of December 31, 1979, our permanent funds had increased to $49,671.56 and our usable funds stood at $4,182.23.

We rejoice in the many Memorial and Special Gifts received through these seven years. Our largest gift during the period was from the estate of Edna R. Saxon. Our named accounts of $5,000 or more to any one permanent fund now include:

CHURCH VOCATION MEMORIAL TRUST FUND
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Betz
Miss Verna Sullivan
Mrs. Edna R. Saxon
ENDOWMENT MEMORIAL TRUST FUND
Miss Verna Sullivan
Mrs. Edna R. Saxon

Church Vocation Scholarships have been granted annually from our largest Trust Fund and we will have our eighth intern period this summer financed through this method. Our Endowment Trust Fund is now adding over $1,000 to the basic support of the congregational life through the budget. Our Building and Equipment Fund has been used for the remodeling of the educational wing in 1975 and also some payment on the storm windows. It now contains over $1,300 for new chapel lighting fixtures. Our Capital Outreach Fund helped purchase property at Inman Center in San Antonio, equipment at Emily Flinn Homs in Marion, and kitchen equipment at Hazel Green Academy in Kentucky.

MEMORIAL FUNDS AND SPECIAL GIFTS FOR 1978 AND 1979

FUND BALANCES.....	January 1, 1978	December 31, 1979
Church Vocation Scholarship Trust Fund		
Principal	$ 35,900.66	$ 36,209.79
Spendable Earnings	1,268.56	1,701.71
Church Endowment Trust Fund		
Principal	13,152.64	13,461.77
Earnings on Hand	228.09	00.00
Building & Equipment Fund	1,352.68	1,514.54
Capital Outreach Fund	368.57	184.32
Vaught Investment in Love	769.83	781.66
	$ 53,041.03	$ 53,853.79

INCOME	1978	1979
Undesignated Memorial Gifts	$ 656.50	$ 580.00
Designated Gifts	2,547.00	841.13
Investment Earnings	4,168.88	3,834.41
Repayment of CVS Loan		1,500.00
	$ 7,372.38	$ 6,755.54

EXPENDITURES.....	1978	1979
CHURCH VOCATION FUND		
Scholarships	$ 1,875.00	$ 1,375.00
Summer Interns	00.00	3,553.74
ENDOWMENT TRUST FUND		
Budget Support	1,028.27	1,004.72
BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT FUND		
Library Equipment	320.00	00.00
Octave of Handbells		1,077.51
Hymnals for Nave		1,766.20
Storm Window Debt		593.72
CAPITAL OUTREACH FUND		
Hazel Green Academy - Kitchen Equipment	511.00	00.00
VAUGHT INVESTMENT IN LOVE		
C.W.F. Quadrennial Scholarships	210.00	00.00
	$ 39,944.27	$ 9,370.89

MEMORIAL GIFTS DURING 1978

IN MEMORY OF ALFRED SCHELL: (for Hymnals)
Mr. & Mrs. Harold L. Frazier, Mr. & Mrs. Harold M. Frazier,

Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Weaver, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Levihn, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Weicker, Progressive Class, Mrs. Hugh Rice, Mrs. Charles Dare, Mr. & Mrs. Merle Rice, Daveway Neighborhood Sewing Club, Mr. & Mrs. Harold Hastings, Staff, 2nd Floor, St. Joseph's Hospital, Neighbors-Morningside Terrace, Grandchildren of Alfred Schell, Mabel Eubank, Mr. & Mrs. Milton McCormick, Mr. Robert H. Vegler, Mrs. Miriam Bixenman, Mrs. Peg Buskirk, Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Mowery, Mrs. Susan Jones, Mr. & Mrs. Russell Wortley, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Clipp

IN MEMORY OF MISS NANCY FAY WOODHULL (for Library Books)
The Fellowship Guild

IN MEMORY OF LEE FISHER (for Library Books)
The Estate of Lee Fisher

IN MEMORY OF LESLIE FUTTERER:
Irene & Joseph Fox, Mrs. Harriett Bolicki, Esther Bullerman, Members and Friends of First Christian Church

IN MEMORY OF MR. HARVEY SMELSER:
Lois Miller, Isabel Winifer, Cloa Snyder, The Robert Thurber, Jr. Family, The Robert Thurber, Sr. Family, Mrs. Carrie Smelser

IN MEMORY OF MRS. CLARA SCHRYVER:
Members and Friends of First Christian Church

IN MEMORY OF MRS. BLANCHE HETRICK:
Mrs. Bonita Hennessey, Mr. & Mrs. Albert Kent, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Fox, Mr. & Mrs. Vaughn Brickley, Mr. & Mrs. Earl Fusselman, Mrs. Walter Birkhold, Mrs. Fern Kenline, Mr. Walter Bowen, Mrs. Geneva Ferguson, Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Cline, Mrs. Dorothy Sylwester, Mr. Clarence Hetrick

ESTATE OR WILL BEQUESTS - DESIGNATED USAGE
Estate of Lee Fisher - Library Equipment
Will Bequest of Leroy Timbrook - Hymnals and Handbells

HYMNAL GIFTS IN MEMORY OF:
Mabel Young, Walter Birkhold, Mr. & Mrs. Edward Hackbarth, R. Earl Zimmerman, Earle Welter, Earl Wallace, Leslie Futterer, Ruby & Earl Brown, Fred C. Smith, Mrs. Helena Lowman, Mrs. Edith Siples, Mr. & Mrs. Harry E. Dawson, Carl E. Cline, Claire Schryver, Charles E. Fuchshuber, Mrs. Lea Hayes, Lawrence A. Horn, Sr., Ollie Whiley, Mrs. Pauline Speicher, Miss Fay Woodhull, Mrs. Elaine Conrad, Mrs. Minnie Durfree, Mrs. Pearl Koegel, Walter J.

Marks, Sr., Mrs. Mildred Favory, Anna Harshey, Abbie Shockney, Walter Keebortz, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Sargent

HYMNAL GIFTS IN HONOR OF:
Mr. & Mrs. Roy E. Johnson, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Crossett, Mr. & Mrs. Simon S. Hendricks, Mr. & Mrs. Edgar Guild, Rev. & Mrs. Harold E. Cline, Andrew C. Cook, Mr. & Mrs. George Bruckman, Margaret S. Love, Margaret A. Love, Barbara J. Love, William R. Love.

MEMORIAL GIFTS DURING 1979

IN MEMORY OF CHARLES FUCHSHUBER:
Progressive Class, Elex. Club, Partizan Chapter, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Clipp, Mrs. Ethel Richhard, Mr. & Mrs. Harold Crowder

IN MEMORY OF PAUL TRUBY:
Progressive Class, Neighborhood Friends, Mr. & Mrs. W.A. Lockhart, Mrs. Russell Selle, Betty Jean Selle, Mrs. Keith Selle, Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Earhart, Shirley, Ann, Mrs. Arthur Lenz, Mark Lenz, Stanley Lenz & family, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Lenz, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Merkey, Mrs. Gladys Palmer, Mr. & Mrs. Jim Merkey, Mr. & Mrs. Ray Baker, Amity Lodge #483, Mr. & Mrs. Rolland Ripple, Mr. & Mrs. Fred Smell, Mr. Jeff Young, Mr. Herdis Helmuth, Helen Macke, Mrs. Luella Fruit, Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Smith, Mrs. Emma Schell, Louise Harsh, Mary Shrere & Rosella Koors, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Clipp, Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Mowery, Susan & Shannon Jones, Marcel Watson, Jayne Meier, Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Ziegler, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Sellers, Grace Truby

IN MEMORY OF IRENE CLINE:
Progressive Class, Dorcus Group, Mrs. Maude Donahue

IN MEMORY OF MRS. JENNIE HILL:
Neighbors & Friends, Mr. & Mrs. Kermit Whan, Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Ramsey, The George Hill family, Maud Johnson Family

IN MEMORY OF MR. & MRS. JOE SIPLES:
Mrs. Roxy Wunderlich

IN MEMORY OF MR. PAUL KENLINE:
Mr. & Mrs. George Graf, Mrs. Thompson, Carole & Sue, Mrs. Bertha Kenline, Mr. & Mrs. Don Pressley, Leah Miller, Mrs. Elizabeth Daugherty, Mrs. Fern Kenline

IN MEMORY OF ANNA TRACEY:
Albian Production Credit Association, Marjorie Arnold

REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The desire to be a responsible sponsoring group for a family from southeast Asia is being spearheaded by a Task Force under the Co-Chairmanship of Mike Mullen and Monty Tobias. We are in a time of enlistment of persons and resources to undertake this humanitarian ministry. Our worship hours this Sunday will speak to the needs and challenge of this effort The Task Force is calling for support both in personnel and money to move forward on this effort.

COMMITMENT GOAL: 100 persons or families giving $20 each to underwrite all anticipated needs. We have received $248 to date. Gifts large and small are welcomed, but must be clearly marked "REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP".

PERSONNEL ENLISTMENT: A wide core of persons is desireable to bring skills, abilities, and help into a network of preparedness. Pick one of the following committees and sign up for it on Sunday, April 27 or call the church office, 744-3239.

CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE - Mike Mullen & Monty Tobias, Co-Chairmen: Coordinate all other committees, facilitate enlistment of people and money, be central working group with the family.

HOUSING COMMITTEE - Monty Tobias, Chairman: Seek place to stay before arrival which would be near to transportation, low cost, and central. Furnish appliances and household needs, telephone, and maintenance.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE - Dick Johnson, Chairman: Be prepared for emergency and unscheduled transportation needs as well as help with basic transportation flow.

HEALTH - Marlene Crouse, Chairman: Relate to social security, immediate health examination, immunizations, doctor, and dentist relationship.

FINANCES - John Briggs, Chairman: Encourage initial money for backlog of preparedness for whole project. Help with handling of money and banking.

EDUCATION - Mike Mullen, Sharon Pauley, Tony York, Chairmen: Teach basic English to get by, relate to educational opportunities, help with basics of household and culture, learnings to adapt to our society.

FOOD - Sharon Pauley, Chairman; Secure and have available basics, help with finding their kinds of foodstuffs, assist in buying and supplying.

EMPLOYMENT - Ralph Church, Chairman: Help find employment, work on relations with employer, check educational needs.

In addition to working on sub-committee all are invited to the next general Task Force meeting on Monday, May 5, at 7:30 P.M. Most important is the commitment for a sub-group and the funds to initiate the program. PLAN TO ACT THIS SUNDAY, THE 27th!

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, APRIL 26
7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast
9:30 A.M. Children's Choir to Rehearsal

SUNDAY, APRIL 27
8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship Dr. Cline, preaching
9:30 A.M. Church School
4:00 P.M. Ecumenical Children's Choir Festival, 1st Presbyterian
4:00 P.M. Chi Rho
5:45 P.M. Bible Study
6:30 P.M. CYF
7:30 P.M. Ecumenical Choir Festival, New Haven UMC

MONDAY, APRIL 28
7:30 P.M. Christian Ed. Comm.

TUESDAY, APRIL 29
7:30 P.M. Board of Elders

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30
7:30 P.M. Lay Personnel

THURSDAY, MAY 1
9:00 A.M. Area I CWF Institute
9:00 A.M. Naomi Group, Gwynth Rice, 7001 Premiere
5:00 P.M. Search Committee
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS: POWDERED MILK, SOUP, FRUIT, CEREAL, TUNA, VIENNA SAUSAGES

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER
APRIL 27 - MAY 3
Ruby Cline (27)
Helen Reynolds (27)
Jessie Fern Woodward (28)
Willis Van Alstine (29)
Mildred Hutchinson (30)
Paul Yentes (1)
Virginia Brown (2)
Mabel Cross (2)
Alyce Fuchshuber (2)
Mike Byers (2)
Inez Petty (3)

OVERSEAS STAFF:
Lois Hodrick

CHILDREN'S CHOIR REHEARSAL AND PICNIC

The Children's Choir will attend a rehearsal for the Ecumenical Choir Festival this Saturday. Shirley Callahan will transport the children from the church parking lot at 9:30 A.M. The children should bring sack lunches for a picnic at Foster Park following the rehearsal. Drinks and dessert will be provided. Parents should plan to pick up their children near the playground area of the park at 1:45 P.M.

CHI RHO BIKE RALLY

The Chi Rho will meet at the church at 4:00 P.M. Sunday with their bikes. If any Chi Rho members have not turned in their pledges, this is the Sunday to do it!

CWF AREA I INSTITUTE

The Area I Institute will be held at First Christian in Auburn on May 1. Registration begins at 9:00 A.M. The program for the day ends at 3:00 P.M. At this writing those planning to attend are: Janet Weicker, Ruby Cline, Avis Thompson, Pat Mullen, Sandy Zimmerman, Barb Short, and Barb Johnson.

SAVE RUMMAGE FOR SALE!!

All-Church Paper Drive, Car Wash, Rummage and Garage Sale to benefit the MINI-BUS FUND on SATURDAY, MAY 31. Plan now to contribute to the sale and help if needed. This sale will give a push to our Mini-Bus Fund which now stands at $1,744!

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CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY, MAY 2

7:00 P.M. Harmony Class Progressive Dinner begins at Grimms, 1320 W. Sherwood

SUNDAY, MAY 4

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
11:55 A.M. Meeting of representatives, Membership Committee & Mini-Bus Task Force on MINI-BUS SALE DAY
4:00 P.M. Chi Rho Bike Rally
5:30 P.M. Bell Choir
5:45 P.M. Bible Study
6:30 P.M. C.Y.F.
7:00 P.M. Evening Worship

MONDAY, MAY 5

7:30 P.M. Refugee Sponsorship Task Force

TUESDAY, MAY 6

9:00 A.M. Ruth Group, Ethel Flowers, 4805 Ottawa Dr.

THURSDAY, MAY 8

9:30 A.M. Rachael Group
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS: SOUP, TUNA, CEREAL, POWDERED MILK, CANNED FRUIT

HAVE YOU INCLUDED YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL?

GREETINGS IN THE RISEN LORD!

I rejoice in these triumphant days from Easter to Pentecost. As we move towards Pentecost on May 25, we have high days in the life of our congregation--decisions for Christ and Church, Dedication Service for couples with young children, congregational dinner and meeting, musical--"CELEBRATE LIFE" and a Pentecost Prayer Chain.

In the Biblical story this season was a time for internalizing the truth of the resurrection both through being together and through prayer. Thus I would call on each person to be a part of Christian community and to be in prayer for the will and empowering of God.

Join our worship hours Sunday---the sermon will be "THE I.D. OF DISCIPLESHIP" based on John 13:31-35. Decisions and baptisms are planned.

Beyond worship, my deeper concern is that the resurrection of our Lord is moving us all beyond the "ordinary" to the expression of the "extraordinary" through every avenue of our lives. Allow worship to be a regenerating point this Sunday!

Harold E. Cline

SERVING MAY 4

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Ralph Church and Mark Snyder

10:45 A.M. Barbara Short and Robert Johnson

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. S. Watson-SW, D. Keebortz-NW, S. Allen, B. Pauley

10:45 A.M. L. York-SW, M. Tobias-NW, R. Jenkins-NE, R. Flickinger-SE, V. Taylor, J. Stucky, T. Harter, P. Mullen

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, S. Keebortz, T. Sauerwein

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson, G. Bozarth, R. Jackson

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Delores Keebortz

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Peg Buskirk & Sherry Crawford

NURSERY WORKERS

10:45 A.M. N. Lucas & T. York

GIVING COUNTERS

Mike Mullen & Mike Callahan

IN HOSPITALS

ST. JOSEPH: 450 - Mr. Arza Smith

LUTHERAN: 562 - Mr. Jack Gerrard

624 - Mr. Arthur Mowery

M121 - Mrs. Vada Tatman

FUNERAL OF MEMBER:

Mrs. Opal Heller, a member since youth, died on April 5 in the Emily Flinn Home in Marion where she had been a resident for nearly six years. Services were conducted by the Chaplain of the home and burial was in Etna Green, Indiana.

WEDDING OF TIMOTHY:

Edwin R. Allen, Jr. and Sandra L. Grieser on 4/19/80 in Ohio. They are residing at 4436 Cooper Creek, Toledo, Ohio, 43615. Their telephone number is 382-3827.

APRIL AVERAGES:

Worship	325
Church School	132
Through-the-Week Ed.	71
Budget Giving	$2,827.13

APRIL ADDITIONS:

George & Robin Hosfield
Ron Feaser
Elaine Parrot

EASTER OFFERING MAILED

$900 was mailed this week as our special over-and-above Easter offering for outreach causes. Thanks to all who shared in this giving!

THANK YOUS:

Dear Friends and Members of First Christian Church,

I wish to express my thanks and sincere appreciation for the beautiful plants and flowers, and for the lovely cards with their messages of cheer and encouragement during my hospitalization.

Also, thank you for the many visits which were so cheering. They made my days.

My special appreciation goes to Dr. Cline, Rev. Mr. Thompson, Barbara, Karen, and Janet for their calls and prayers which gave me strength.

With Affection,
Edna Vaught

I wish to thank all for their cards, flowers, and visits during my recent stay in the hospital.

Thank You!
Barb Finkhousen

ALL CHURCH MINI-BUS SALE - MAY 31!

Enlistment and organization is developing to challenge all to be a part of a fund raising for a church mini-bus or van to carry 15 persons. The sale to raise funds is set for Saturday, May 31.

All are asked to donate, to work, and to participate on May 31. Bend efforts so that our congregation can move towards a mini-bus for these reasons:

1. To conserve energy in transportation.

2. To increase opportunities for worship and participation

3. To facilitate fellowship and relationships.

4. To cut cost for seniors in making trips.

5. To enlarge and facilitate programmatic opportunities.

Robert Johnson and Bill Howard are chairing a special coordinating meeting at 11:55 this Sunday May 4, in Room 120 (the Conference Room) for class representatives and members of the Membership Committee and the Mini-Bus Task Force.

Plans for the 31st include: RUMMAGE AND GARAGE SALE from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

FOOD - sandwiches, salads, desserts, and drinks at extended noon time.

PAPER DRIVE - all we can bring from our homes and neighbors and intensive collection in our church neighborhood.

CAR WASH - all of our cars and others passing our corner.

BAKE SALE - donated baked goods.

WE SALUTE OUR MUSICIANS!

Our Children's Choir directed by *Shirley Callahan* was one of seven choirs participating in "A CHORAL SERVICE OF PRAISE" last Sunday afternoon in First Presbyterian Church. We thank *Mark Zimmerman, Tammy Davis, Jennifer Byers, Chenelle Novachcoff, Sara Mullen, Larry Taylor, Chris Jackson, Heather Jenkins Julie Briggs, Amy Hayes,* and *Christa Rogers* for their singing! At least 42 of our people attended this beautiful service.

Our congregation contributed much to the "ECUMENICAL CHORAL FESTIVAL" last Sunday evening at New Haven United Methodist Church. We thank singers *Sara Davis, Judi Hoagland, Rebecca Stucky, Janet Weicker, Betty Briggs, Carolyn Falbe Anita Fitch, Barbara Busse, Bruce Lehman, John Briggs,* and *Vincent Wells* as well as our accompanist, *Jerry Zimmerman.* At least 47 of our people participated in this festival led by six choirs.

The Annual Spring Concert of the Mizpah Temple Shrine Band on Sunda afternoon was directed by *Dean Howard* of our congregation. *John Briggs* played in this program at the Scottish Rite Auditorium. *John Broom,* a former member, was the assistant director.

REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP

1. Open call to TASK FORCE MEETING 7:30 P.M. MONDAY, MAY 5.

2. Sign ENLISTMENT FORM for coordinating group or sub-group responsibilities. Turn into church office or place in offering plate.

3. Make a special contribution marked, REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP to help us move above the current $298.

CALLING ALL WOMEN!

C.W.F. MAY BREAKFAST - 9:30 A.M. Tuesday, May 20. Speaker: Andrea Benny; Worship: Ethel Flowers, Installation of officers; Avis Thompson; Hosting: Rachael & Naomi Groups.

CALLING ALL MEN!

Men's Breakfast Group to continue on--Starting a new basis of talk on Saturday, May 10--AN ACTIVE MAN AND THE CHRIST By Robert K. Hudnut.

"This book is for doers. It is for those who feel we have talked too much in our religion and done too little. It is for people who are tired of inaction. . .

"Belief comes last, not first. We act ourselves into believing; we do not believe ourselves into acting." . . . "Do it. Then you will feel it. Then you will know it. As an active man once put it, 'Be doers of the word, and not hearers only.' (James 1:22)."

This informal groups meets for breakfast and discussion every other Saturday from 7:00 to 8:30 A.M. The door is open for other men.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER
MAY 4-10, 1980

Arza Smith (4)
Helen Steigerwald (4)
Tom Fountain (5)
Edna Johnson (5)
Lea Jackson (5)
Ken Crawford (5)
Ralph Reynolds (6)
Jessie Keller (8)
Irene Wooldridge (8)
Harold E. Cline (10)
Dan Dickey (10)
Jo Franklin (10)
Carol Dunham (10)

OVERSEAS STAFF:
Juan & Flor Rivera in San Juan, Puerto Rico

D.M.A. TRIP ON MAY 28!

Registrants and a deposit of $7.50 for the bus are needed NOW for the first of six scheduled trips. We are forced to prepay the bus company two weeks in advance.

This trip will leave from our parking lot at 6:00 A.M. on Wednesday, May 28 for the Shipshewana Auction. After spending morning hours, the group will move to Amish Acres at Nappanee for a guided tour of Indiana's Living Historical Farm.

Preferably send a check for $7.50 per person and your name to the church office. Call a reservation if a check can not be mailed for a few days.

Encourage a full busload of 46 on Wednesday, May 24 for our first trip of 1980!

OTHER TRIPS INCLUDE:

June 24 - Kellogg Factory and Bird Sanctuary in Battle Creek, Michigan

August ?? - Wagon Wheel Playhouse in Warsaw, Indiana

September 6 - Parade of Homes and meal at Win Shulers in Marshall, Michigan.

September 23 - Indianapolis to Children's and Art Museums and Church Center.

October 28 - Marion, Indiana for meal at Duff's and Flinn Home visit.

BUDGET NEED - 1980	$169,882
GOAL - 17 weeks	55,539
ACTUAL GIVING - 17 wks	51,102
SHORTAGE	4,437
GIVING - 4/27	2,017
WEEKLY NEED	3,267

WE CAN ACHIEVE OUR GOAL IF ALL WILL SHARE IN DEPTH COMMITMENT!

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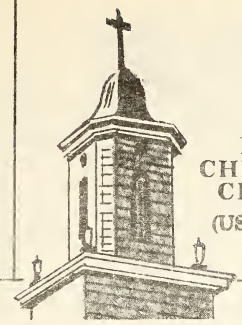

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CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY, MAY 9
7:30 P.M. Search Committee
SATURDAY, MAY 10
7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast
SUNDAY, MAY 11
8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
5:30 P.M. Bell Choir
5:45 P.M. Bible Study
6:30 P.M. Chi Rho & CYF
7:00 P.M. Evening Worship
MONDAY, MAY 12
7:30 P.M. Martha Group, Barb Johnson, 5021 Daffodil Dr.
TUESDAY, MAY 13
11:30 A.M. Rebecca Group, Lambro's Restaurant
7:30 P.M. BOARD OF TRUSTEES
WEDNESDAY, MAY 14
12:00 Noon Mary Group, Florence Palmer, 2629 N. Wells
12:00 Noon Associated Churches Board Meeting, Fellowship Hall
THURSDAY, MAY 15
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir
7:30 P.M. Fireside Group, Ralph & Judy Church, 5126 Werling

PANTRY NEEDS: POWDERED MILK, SOUP, CANNED FRUIT, P-NUT BUTTER

PARDON US, YOUR LOVE IS SHOWING!

God never closes one door without opening another. How grateful we are to Him and you that this new ministry to and through your church has beckoned us to come and help!

When asked our early impressions about First Christian Church, we are eager to reply that they confirm your reputation of being a Family of God who love one another, who care deeply for those who hurt, and whose Christian devotion seeks all the ways of fulfilling His purpose through us. How we rejoice in entering this ministry with you!

I, Maurice, see my work among you as primarily coming to you as a concerned pastor, eager to help you in behalf of your church family, and Dr. Cline who is so heavily overloaded, and then to assist him wherever else he may desire.

I, Avis, see my work as being a resource counselor in Christian Education, especially in planning for the children's summer activity, as well as helping the C.W.F. organize themselves for another great year of study, worship, and service.

Being together, one with another and with our Lord, let us enter the new doors opening before us!

Maurice & Avis Thompson

SERVING MAY 11

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Mildred Hartman
William Franklin

10:45 A.M. William Johnson
Barbara Short

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. B. Schilling-SW, D. Keebortz-NW, D. Johnson, P. Yentes

10:45 A.M. B. Mettler-SW, W. Bowen-NW, J. Johnson-SE, K. Taylor-NE, B. Hendricks, S. Hayes, S. Schell, B. Grimm

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, Tim Evans, W. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson, J. Glasgow

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. D. Widler - A. Lee
R. Rayl - B. Pauley
J. Wiley - M. Finkhousen
B. Leversee - E. Klepfer

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Delores Keebortz

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Chi Rho Fellowship

NURSERY WORKERS

10:45 A.M. D. & D. Rinker

EXTENDED SESSION

NUR. II - J. Ott
NUR. III - B. Hudlow

GIVING COUNTERS

Mike Mullen & Mike Callahan

IN HOSPITALS

ST. JOSEPH:

450 - Mr. Arza Smith

LUTHERAN:

624 - Mr. Arthur Mowery
M121 - Mrs. Vada Tatman
M323 - Mrs. Amelia Dare
M116 - Mr. William Schilling

(entered and dismissed last week
Connie Wells & Barbara Hayes)

RESPONSES TO INVITATION

HEATHER LEANN JENKINS, the daughter of Ed and Rosalie Jenkins, 4720 Beaver, 07, 456-6652, made her confession of faith and was baptized. Heather is in the 5th grade at Harrison Hill Elementary School. She is in choir at school and church, roller skates, runs, and enjoys listening to music.

MR. and MRS. MICHAEL O. NOVACHOFF, 1138 Packard, 07, 456-4767, made confession of faith and were baptized. Mike is employed by City Utilities and also works part-time in a partnership sealing and lining parking lots. Mary is employed by North American Van Lines. In the home are Michelle in the 7th grade at Fairfield and Chanel in the 3rd grade at South Wayne. Mary is the sister of Sylvia Smith of our congregation.

THANK YOU:

We wish to thank Dr. Cline, Karen Flickinger, Janet Weicker, Maurice Thompson and friends for prayers, visits and cards during Ralph's stay in the hospital. It was all deeply appreciated.

Our Christian Love,
Ralph & Jackie Keller

RESERVATIONS NEEDED:

The DMA Trip to Shipshewanna and Amish Acres at Nappanee on Wednesday, May 28 is in need of reservations by calling the church office, 744-3239, or mailing a check for $7.50 with your name. We need to have a busload assured by May 14!

CAMPS AND CONFERENCES - SUMMER 1980

Camps and Conferences for Summer 1980 are varied and exciting! Events are scheduled on four levels. The over-all theme is "PRAYER CALLED LIFE"

Listed below are events scheduled at Barbee in the four levels. The fee for Level I and II is $60.00 per person unless it is a special event and for those the fee varies. The fee for Level III is $68.00 for Conference and the fee varies for specials. Level IV fees are charged by the event since all are varied. The church pays one-half of the fee for youth attending from our congregation.

1980 LEVEL I EVENTS (for those entering grades 5 & 6)

June 23-28	Wayne Markward, Director
June 29 - July 5 (with U.C.C.)	Reuben Eversman, Director (also includes grades 7-8
July 14 - 19	Jack & Virginia Wachenschwantz, Directors

1980 LEVEL II EVENTS (for those entering grades 7 & 8)

July 7 - 12	Mark Richardson, Director (SPORTS SKILLS)
July 21 - 26	Drexel Rankin, Director

1980 LEVEL III EVENTS (for those entering grades 9-12)

July 27 - Aug. 2	Dena Shepherdson, Director
August 3 - 9	Don McCord, Director

(NOTE: There are specialized events for this level including Creative Arts, International Affirs, Wilderness Camp, Music, Bicycling, and Trail Camp.)

1980 LEVEL IV EVENTS (post-high through older adults)

Specialized Events for Singles and Older Adults in addition to Canoe Camp, Bicycling, and Trail Camps for post-high persons.

BROCHURES DETAILING SPECIAL EVENTS AND LISTING ALL REGIONAL CAMPS AND CONFERENCES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS--NEED REGISTRATION FORMS--HAVE COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORMS, Call the Church Office - 744-3239.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The next church board meeting will be TUESDAY, MAY 13, at 7:30 P.M. All members are requested to be present.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The meeting will follow a potluck dinner at 12:15 on Sunday, May 18. We will enjoy "CELEBRATE LIFE" as the special program feature

MEN'S BREAKFAST SATURDAY

The preface and the chapter, "An Active Man Sets His Priorities" will be the discussion base this Saturday from 7:00 to 8:30 A.M. This is a new study from AN ACTIVE MAN AND THE CHRIST by Robert K. Hudnut and the group meets every other week. All men are urged to come at 7:00 this Saturday! "Ham and Egg Brunch" is on the menu this week.

C.W.F. MAY BREAKFAST

The event, a highlight, with our CWF will be Tuesday, May 20 at 9:30 A.M. Guests are welcome for this. Andrea Benny will be the inspirational speaker for the program. Ethel Flowers is leading worship. Avis Thompson will install the new CWF General Officers and Group Leaders. The Rachel and Naomi Groups are hostesses. There is no charge for the breakfast but it would be helpful for reservations to be made. Call the church office.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSARY PRAYER
MAY 11 - 17

Melvin Williamson (11)
Vaughn Brickley (11)
Burl Feltenberger (12)
Willis Wuthrich (12)
Mildred Tharp (12)
Robert Nulf (13)
Earl Fusselman (15)
Mary Alice Mullins (15)
Monty Tobias (15)
Ethel Birkhold (16)
Sam Hayes (17)
Delores Overmyer (17)
Carolyn Jean Webster (17)
OVERSEAS STAFF: Juan and Flor Rivera

PASTOR IN AMARILLO

Dr. Cline participated this Monday through Wednesday in the National Evangelism Workshop with about 800 persons mainly Disciple pastors. He was worship leader on Monday evening. Mainline speakers included Fred Craddock, David Redding, Lawrence Bash, Charles Allen, Bill Hull, Lloyd Ogilvie and much input from pastors of the 10 of the 40 "growingest" congregations of various sizes among the Disciples.

OPEN INVITATION TO WEDDING

The Congregation is invited to share in the joy of *Carolyn Marie Hendricks* and *Robert E. King* as they begin their new life together and exchange marriage vows on Saturday, May 17, at 2:30 P.M. in our Worship Nave. A reception will follow in Fellowship Hall.

CELEBRATING FAMILY

On this Mother's Day, the Christian Home will be focused in our worship hours.

At the 10:45 A.M. service is our semi-annual Thanksgiving for Childbirth and Dedication of Parents with young. If any have not called the office who wish to participate, do so as soon as possible.

Celebrate and honor mothers through the dedication to God expressed in study and worship. Solidify the home on the solid rock of Christ as Lord!

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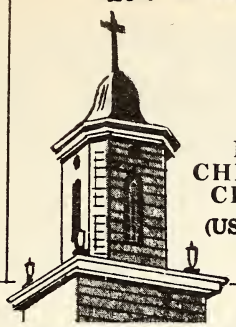

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MAY 17
2:30 P.M. Hendricks-King Wedding and Reception
SUNDAY, MAY 18
8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
12:15 P.M. Congregational Dinner and Meeting
1:30 P.M. Musical, "CELEBRATE LIFE"
5:30 P.M. Bell Choir
5:45 P.M. Bible Study
6:30 P.M. Chi Rho & C.Y.F.
7:00 P.M. Evening Worship
MONDAY, MAY 19
1:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild, Mildred Hutchinson, 422 Oakdale
TUESDAY, MAY 20
9:30 A.M. CWF MAY BREAKFAST
7:30 P.M. Fireside Group, Ron & Karen Flickinger, 6812 Blue Mist
WEDNESDAY, MAY 21
10:00 A.M. SW Senior Center Planning Meeting
7:30 P.M. Extended Session Meeting, Room #120
7:30 P.M. Sherwood/Pettit Neighborhood Association
THURSDAY, MAY 22
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS POWDERED MILK, SOUP, CEREAL, TUNA, PEANUT BUTTER

CONGREGATIONAL DINNER ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION MUSICAL -- "CELEBRATE LIFE"

We will gather at 12:15 P.M. this Sunday in Fellowship Hall for our congregational dinner. Bring appropriate food and table service. Drinks, rolls, and butter will be furnished. Our new member families are guests for the dinner.

We will recognize the following new members since our last dinner: *Terry & Celestia Walters, Tom, Susan Tim, and Sharon Knuckles, Genie Marcum, Ron Flickinger, Andrew Crowe, Steven White, George & Robin Hosfield, Ron Feaser, Elaine Parrot, Heather Jenkins, and Michael & Mary Novachcoff.*

COMPETITIVE ELECTION

REGIONAL ASSEMBLY VOTING REPRESENTATIVES -- Four to be elected plus 1 under age 21: Pam Bickel, Ralph & Judy Church, Bill Franklin, Betty Harter, Steve & Tana Harter, Jeff Johnson, Bruce Lehman, and Laura Sauerwein. REPRESENTATIVES TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR 2 YEAR TERMS -- Two to be elected from each category: Elders - Bill Franklin, Bill Johnson Charles Ludwig; Deacons - Monty Tobias, John Briggs, Chip Olson; Deaconesses - Val Taylor, Nena Lucas.

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SERVING MAY 18

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Rolland Ripple
Judy Church

10:45 A.M. Joe Wiley
Ben Taylor

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M. Busse-SW, M. Hutchinson-NW, J. Young, T. Sauerwein

10:45 A.M. H. Stevenson-SW, J. Jump-NW, S. Grimm-NE, J. Bickel-SE, A. Lee, L. York, C. Crowe, M. Finkhousen

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, W. DeVinney, M. Pontius

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson, R. Hunt, W. Kerley

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Rose Jenkins and Mildred Hutchinson

NURSERY WORKERS

10:45 A.M. D. & B. Johnson

EXTENDED SESSION

NUR. II - J. Ott
NUR. III - B. Hudlow

GIVING COUNTERS

Mike Callahan & Mike Mullen

IN HOSPITALS

ST. JOSEPH:

219 Mrs. Ardith Wrisk

LUTHERAN

M323 Mrs. Amelia Dare
M322 Mrs. Vada Tatman

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED: To Mr. Terry King and family in the death of his mother, Lelia B. King, in Oregon, who reached age 100 on March 1 of this year. Services were held here on Monday.

MINI-BUS SALE DAY - MAY 31!

MINI-BUS DAY ON MAY 31!

Bring items to sell - clothes, household items, toys - anything that will sell and put on stage of Fellowship Hall--plus newspapers of yourself and friends and neighbors. Old phone books add paper weight quickly--bring these!

Our day from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. includes a Rummage Sale, a Paper Drive, a Bake Sale, a Car Wash, and food from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

The whole church is asked to help with the day and to support the efforts of one another!

CALL FOR SENIOR PERSONS

All are invited at 10:00 A.M. Wednesday, May 21 in our Fellowship Hall concerning the proposal for an every Wednesday program for the South West Senior Center. The response of this meeting will set the tone for period of July through December. The future of the South West Senior Center Program awaits the response of persons involved.

THANK YOUS!

"Thank you for prayers, cards, and personal assistance from everyone. Also thanks to Dr. Cline, my daughter, Sharon, Sylvia & Marshall, Janet & Karen, my neighbors and friends for help and visits."

Arza Smith

"Thanks so much for your comforting prayers and visits during my recent hospitalization. I sincerely appreciate your kindness."

Barb Hayes

D.M.A. TRIP ON MAY 28

The DMA is going to the Shipshewana Auction and Amish Acres at Napannee on Wednesday, May 28. They will meet and leave from the parking lot at 6:00 A.M. Maurice and Avis Thompson will be staff leadership for this excursion. Return is scheduled for 4:00 P.M. As of this writing 33 persons were scheduled for the bus which is capable of taking 46. Call reservations to the church office. 744-3239 or mail $7.50 per person for the bus.

Present reservations are held for the following: *Paul Waugh, Mildred Tharp, Gwynth Rice, Esther Whitton, Rolland & Genevieve Ripple, Carl & Mildred Linn, Earl & Ruth Plummer, Earl & Reba Fusselman, Laura Marks, Norma Gremelich, Mary Diller, Martha Dutton, Irene Kissinger, Maurice & Avis Thompson, Ken & Elinor Place, Bernice Montgomery, Grace Truby, Fred & Helen Buchanan, Vera Ferguson, Dee Baxter, Vivian Konan, Evelyn Shug, Dorothy Sentman, Clara Kleint, Thelma Adams, and Florence Palmer.*

GIVING NEEDED!

This week we paid a gas utility bill of $1,622.14--this resulted from the failure to read the meter and thus a catch up billing. Regular and generous giving is needed.

1980 GIVING NEEDS	$169,882
NEEDED WEEKLY	3,267
NEEDED TO DATE	62,073
GIVING TO DATE	57,462
19 Week Shortage	4,611
19 Week Average	3,024

We challenge all to give regularly and proportionately as resources are entrusted in our hands!

CALLING ALL WOMEN!

Next Tuesday, May 20, in Fellowship Hall at 9:30 A.M.--this is the C.W.F. May Breakfast!

The speaker is Andrea Benny. Ethel Flowers is leading worship. Avis Thompson will install the new officers. The Rachel and Naomi Groups will be hostesses.

New officers for the General CWF are:

President - Miriam Bixenman
1st Vice President - Barb Johnson
2nd Vice President - Pat Mullen
Secretary - Ellyn Kreischer
Treasurer - Val Taylor

Child Care will be provided for the Breakfast - call the church office by Monday to indicate how many children you will have in Child Care.

COME AND BRING GUESTS!

SERMONS IN COMING WEEKS

MAY 18 - Dr. Cline - "THE WATER OF LIFE" - Rev. 22:12-14, 16, 17, 20; Acts 7:55-60; John 17:20-26.

MAY 25 - PENTECOST - Dr. Cline - "FIRE POWER" - Acts 2:1-21; Isaiah 65:17-25; John 14:25-31; 15:26-27; 16:4b-11.

JUNE 1 - Dr. Maurice Thompson preaching at 8:15 A.M.
Dr. Cline preaching at 10:45 - Baccalaureate Sunday "GUIDE INTO TRUTH" John 16:12-15; Proverbs 8: 22-31; I Peter 1:1-9; Romans 5:1-5

JUNE 8 - 8:15 - Dr. Cline preaching "MY STORY--LIFE INTO A LIFELESS FORM" - I Kings 17:17-24; Luke 7: 11-17; Galationa 1:11-19.
10:45 - Choir Sunday with Worship Through Music

JUNE 15 - SENIOR SUNDAY - Dr. Thompson preaching both hours.

DINNER-MEETING-MUSICAL (from page 1)

Congregation-at-Large - Barb Finkhousen, Genevieve Ripple. MEMBERS OF THE LAY PERSONNEL COMMITTEE -- Two to be elected for 2 years: Peg Buskirk, Shirley Callahan, Barb Hayes, Ruth Plummer.

NON-COMPETITIVE ELECTIONS

OFFICERS for two year terms: MODERATOR - Andrew Cook; VICE-MODERATOR - Ralph Church; CHAIRPERSONS OF EDUCATION - Barbara Short; EVANGELISM - Judy Church; OUTREACH & SERVICE - Pam Bickel; LAY PERSONNEL - Barbara Johnson; BOARD OF DIACONATE - Richard Johnson and Laura York. CHAIRPERSON FOR ONE YEAR TERM: WORSHIP & PASTORAL RELATIONS - Merle Grimm. ELDER EMERITUS - Fred Smell. ELDERS for five year terms: Miriam Bixenman, Glenn Miller, Janet Weicker, for two year term: Mark Akers. BOARD OF DIACONATE for a five year term - John Briggs, Mike Callahan, Chip Olson, Gary Falbe, Sue Knuckles, Nena Lucas.

MUSICAL -- "CELEBRATE LIFE"

The combined choirs of First Christian Church and Salem United Church of Christ will present "CELEBRATE LIFE" on Sunday, at 1:30 P.M. in the Worship Nave. The cantata is an upbeat musical story of Jesus' life and will feature readers, Andrew Gingrich of Crescent Avenue UMC and Bruce Lehman, Steve Harter and Clint Crowe of First Christian. Soloists will be Judi Hoagland of First Christian, Dan Andrews, Dawn Biser and Bill Haldebrand of Salem UCC. Instramentalists will be Jerry Zimmerman, organ; Coleen Jurker, piano, Tod Ramsey, drums; Dennis Dawkins, guitar; Barbara Busse, flute; Bruce

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Lehman, tambourine; Eric Zimmerman, finger cymbols, and Laura and Tim Sauerwein, bells. It will be directed by Sara Davis.

There will be preschool Child Care during the meeting and the musical.

INCLUDE YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL!

Ponder 10% or a tithe as a starting point of the total estate or of the residue.

Some wills need to jump this to 30 or 50%. Others need to make it 100% of the residue estate.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER
MAY 18-24, 1980

Muriel Wilson (19)
Jack Skelton (19)
Shirley Skelton Howell (19)
Earl Snouffer (19)
William Houk (19)
Evelyn Kanczuzewski (19)
Karen Elkins (20)
Viola Sievers (20)
Hazel Crouse (21)
Bob Hendricks (21)
Bernard Ashe (21)
Edwin Day (22)
Robert Clipp (23)
Jay Bixenman (23)

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, May 24
6:00 A.M. Pentecost chain of Prayer Begins - until 12:00 P.M.
7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast
SUNDAY, May 25
8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
12:00 P.M. Mini-Bus Sale Day
Co-ordinating committee-Room 120
MONDAY, May 26
Office Closed
TUESDAY, May 27
7:30 P.M. Stewardship & Finance Committee Meeting
WEDNESDAY, May 28
9:00 A.M. Trip to Shipshewana Amish Acres in Napannee.
7:30 P.M. Lay Personnel Comm.
THURSDAY, May 29
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir
SATURDAY, May 31
9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Mini-Bus Sale Day

PANTRY NEEDS PEANUT BUTTER, SOUP, CEREAL, POWDERED MILK

ALL CHURCH MINI-BUS SALE DAY SATURDAY, MAY 31-9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Rummage Sale, Car Wash, Paper Drive, Bake Sale, Noon Lunch!

PENTECOST SUNDAY!

The celebration of the birthday of the church and the gift of the Spirit that persons could have an on-going personal experience of God are highlighted. If you cannot worship here, make an effort to worship where you are on this highlight day of the church without which Christmas and Easter would be mere stories of history without relevance for life.

RED is the color for Easter. We are encouraging people to wear something red this Sunday as an expression of the Pentecost festival. Read Acts 2 for background to the Easter story. Dr. Cline will be preaching at 8:15 and 10:45 A.M. on "FIRE POWER" based on Acts 2:1-21; Isaiah 65:17-25; John 14:25-31; 15:26,27; 16:4b-11. Janet Weicker will be soloist both hours.

Prayer was a basic preparatory experience for Pentecost in the New Testament. Persons have been enlisted for a prayer chain in the chapel at any time throughout this period. The enlisted persons include: 6:00 A.M.- Judy Church, Mel Busse, Ralph Church, Jennie Harter, Tom Harter, Marge Lehman, Susie Watson, Dean & Elsie Widler, Laura York, Karen Flickinger, Andy Cook, Pat Mullen

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SERVING MAY 25

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. George Bruckman and Robert Johnson

10:45 A.M. Joe Wiley and Dean Widler

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. K. Place-SW, E. Brown-NW, S. Watson, D. Keebortz

10:45 A.M. G. Davis-SW, M. Akers-NW, E. Conrad-NE, M. Tobias-SW, R. Jenkins, R. Flickinger, V. Taylor, J. Stucky.

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, D. Dickey, Tony Evans

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson, G. York, K. Crawford

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. W. Johnson - E. Conrad
B. Leversee - P. Mullen
M. Snyder - S. Grimm
M. Hartman - B. Pauley

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Rose Jenkins & Mildred Hutchinson

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Esther Whitton, Grace Truby and Bernice Montgomery

NURSERY WORKERS

L. Jump, K. Byers

EXTENDED SESSION

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NUR. III - B. Hudlow

GIVING COUNTERS

Mike Callahan & Mike Mullen

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LUTHERAN:
M323 - Mrs. Amelia Dare

ST. JOSEPH:
219 - Mrs. Ardith Wrisk

MINI-BUS SALE DAY
Saturday May 31, 1980

Call if papers or rummage need picked up--744-3239.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER:

Mrs. Hazel Cleaver, 3920 Bowser, - 06, 745-7231, formally identified with us in a transfer of membership as of Sunday from the Barbee Community Church. She had formerly been a member of the Central Christian Church in Huntington. While in Huntington, she was School Attendance officer for 28 years. Hazel is now making her home with her sister, Mrs. Gladys Hoop, also of our congregation. We welcome her in this identification in our life.

WEDDING CELEBRATION:

Robert E. King and Carolyn Marie Hendricks on 5/17/80. They will be relocating in Florida shortly.

WEDDING INVITATION

Mr. and Mrs. George Kruizenga, Rt. 6, Box 85, Rensselaer, IN 47978, request the pleasure of your company as their daughter, Joy Ellyn is united as one in Christ with Mr. Steven Dyar Doles, Saturday, the fourteenth of June at two o'clock in the afternoon at the Kruizenga residence in Virgie, Indiana. Reception following ceremony.

THANKS CHOIR!

"CELEBRATE LIFE"

Last Sunday afternoon presented by our choir and also Salen UCC's choir was excellent. Thanks for a job well done! It was truly a musical highlight!

SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS OF THE BOARD ON MAY 13 AND CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON MAY 18

Both the Board and the Congregation approved a document, "NNEDS AND GOALS OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 1980-85". This represented input from all committees, a congregational meeting, two planning retreats, work of elders and their final recommendation to the Board. Appreciation is expressed to Mildred Hartman, chairwoman of elders, for her steadiness in working through this goal for our congregation.

The congregation elected the following persons from the nominees submitted by the Lay Personnel Committee and accepted by the Board:

OFFICERS-July 1, 1980 to June 30, 1982, Moderator-Andrew Cook; Vice Moderator-Ralph Church.

CHAIRPERSONS-July 1, 1980 to June 30, 1982: Education-Barbara Short Evangelism-Judy Church; Outreach & Service-Pam Bickel; Lay Personnel-Barbara Johnson; Board of Diaconate-Richard Johnson & Laura York, Worship and Pastoral Relations for unexpired term until June 30, 1981-Merle Grimm.

ELDERS-Emeritus-Fred Smell; July 1, 1980 to June 30, 1985-Miriam Bixenman, Glenn Miller, Janet Weicker; Unexpired term until June 30, 1982-Mari Akers.

BOARD OF DIACONATE- July 1, 1980 to June 30, 1985; John Briggs, Mike Callahan, Gary Falbe, Sue Knuckles, Nena Lucas, Chip Olson.

ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES, July 1, 1980 to June 30, 1982:

ELDERS-Bill Franklin, Bill Johnson; DEACONS-Chip Olson, Monty Tobias; DEACONESSES-Val Taylor, Nena Lucas; CONGREGATION-AT-LARGE-Barb Finkhouser Genevieve Ripple.

VOTING REPRESENTATIVES TO REGIONAL ASSEMBLY, Octover 24 -26, 1980 in Indianapolis: Judy Church, Ralph Church, Pam Bickel, Steven Harter, Laura Sauerwein. ALTERNATES: Bruce Lehman, Tana Harter, Jeff Johnson, Bill Franklin, Betty Harter.

MEMBERS OF LAY PERSONNEL COMMITTEE, July 1, 1980 to June 30, 1982. Ruth Plummer, Barbara Hayes.

As we announce these elections, we appreciate most sincerely the following persons who were honored by nominations but who were not elected in the competitive elections designed to insure choices by the congregation: Charles Ludwig, John Briggs, Peg Buskirk, Shirley Callahan, Bill Franklin Betty Harter, Bruce Lehman, Tana Harter, and Jeff Johnson.

The Board also received with regret the resignation of Rose Jenkins as chairwoman of Membership, Deaconess, and member of Board of Trustees because of the move of her family to Knoxville, Tenn. during June.

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Rose Jenkins, Sharon Pauley, Harold Cline

7:00 A.M.-Joe Wiley; 7:30 A.M.-Stan Cole; 8:00 A.M.-Peg Buskirk; 8:30 A.M.-Mildred Hartman; 9:00 A.M.-Mike & Shirley Callahan; 9:30 A.M.- Sara Davis; 10:00 A.M.-George & Robin Hosfield; 10:30 A.M.-Ed & Sue Allen: 11:00 A.M.-Betty Grimm; 11:30 A.M.-Leesa Jump; 12:00 NOON-Val Taylor; 12:30 P.M.- Harold Nordblom; 1:00 P.M.--John & Betty Briggs; 1:30 P.M.-Mildred Hutchinson;2:00 P.M.-Sam & Barbara Hayes; 2:30 P.M.- Helen Williams; 3:00 P.M.-Wm. & Nancy Wyant; 3:30 P.M.-Nancy Harter 4:00 P.M.-Walter Bowen & Geneva Ferguson 4:30 P.M.-Marily Byers; 5:00 P.M.-Vincent & Connie Wells; 5:30 P.M.-Betty Harter; 6:00 P.M.-Max Finkhousen; 6:30 P.M. -Wm. Franklin; 7:00 P.M.-Mark & Pauline Snyder; 8:00 P.M.-Opal Carper; 8:30P.M.-Eunice Conrad; 9:00 P.M.- Ben Taylor; 9:30 P.M.-Robert Rayl; 10:00 P.M.-John& Rebecca Glasgow; 10:30 P.M.-Richard Johnson; 11:00 P.M.-Bruce Lehman.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER
May 25-31, 1980

Virginia Bruckman (25)
Don Smith (25)
Kenneth Hunt (26)
Harold Nordblom (26)
Kristin Byers (26)
Eural Rose (27)
Pat Mullen (28)
Eugene Klepfer (28)
Genie Marcum (28)
Carolyn Gardner (29)
Kenneth Allen (29)
Chloe Connor (29)
Larry Busse (30)
Jo Roseberry (30)
Diane Howard (31)
D. Wayne Penny (31)

OVERSEAS STAFF FOR PRAYER
Juan and Flor Rivera
Puerto Rico

MINI-BUS SALE DAY

Bob Johnson has called a special meeting of class and group representatives along with the basic committee at 12:00 this Sunday in the Conference Room.

Bring newspapers, old telephone directories, and items for sale to stage of Fellowship Hall---NOW! If you have no way to get them to the church, call the office--744-3239.

Plan to help and support our combined sale, noon lunch, car wash, paper drive, and bake sale on Sat. May 31, from 9:00 to 5:00. Spread the word to others! Talk it up! All proceeds donated will go to the Mini-Bus Fund!

The whole church-member and friends-are asked for help and support of MINI-BUS SALE DAY--MAY 31!

"CALLING MEN"

Join in breakfast and discussion this Saturday from 7:00 to 8:30 P.M.---"AN ACTIVE MAN PLANS"

SUMMER INTERM ARRIVING

Laura Peter will begin her second summer in our intern program on Tuesday May 27. We welcome Laura back among us in this relationship!

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MAY 31
9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Mini-Bus Sale Day
SUNDAY, JUNE 1
8:00 A.M. Graduating Senior Breakfast at ATZ'S
8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
6:30 P.M. Chi Rho Meeting
TUESDAY, JUNE 3
7:30 P.M. Board Meeting
THURSDAY, JUNE 5
10:30 A.M. Naomi Group at Mildred Tharp's Home for Salad Potluck
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS: PEANUT BUTTER,

SOUP, CEREAL, POWDERED MILK

GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS:

Our graduating seniors will be guests of C.Y.F. for the Senior Breakfast this Sunday morning at 8:00 A.M. at Atz Restaurant at Calhoun and Tillman. Parents and other guests are invited along with the entire C.Y.F. for this occasion. Rev. Joe Watkins, Campus Minister at IU-PU-FW will be the speaker.

Our 1980 graduating high school seniors include: Clint Crowe, Steve Grimm, Randy Hunt, Bobbie Sue Johnson, Jeff Johnson, Anne Lee, Beth Schilling and Gary York.

These seniors will be recognized during our Worship at 10:45 A.M. when they will be recognized and presented a gift from the congregation. Dr. Cline will be preaching "GUIDE INTO TRUTH," John 16:12-15; Proverbs 8:22-31; I Peter 1:1-9; Romans 5:1-5 for this baccalaureate worship hour.

MEDITATIVE WORSHIP - 8:15 A.M.

Our Meditative Worship at the early hours gives persons a chance to worship before possible other activities of the day. We encourage all to worship regularly and to take advantage of our double hours designed for greater opportunity and possibility. Dr. Maurice Thompson will be leading this hour on Sunday the 1st. His sermon is "THE NAME ABOVE EVERY NAME" based on Phillippians 2:5-11.

SERVING JUNE 1

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. William Franklin and Charles Ludwig

10:45 A.M. William Johnson and Robert Rayl

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. S. Allen-SW, B. Pauley-NW, B. Schilling, D. Johnson

10:45 A.M. T. Harter-SW, P. Mullen-NW, B. Mettler-NE, W. Bowen-SE, J. Johnson, K. Taylor, B. Hendricks, S. Hayes

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, S. Keebortz, T. Sauerwein

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson, G. Bozarth, R. Jackson

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Martha Group

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PARKVIEW:

326 - Mrs. Lee Baugher

431 - Mrs. Helen Sheerin

ST. JOSEPH:

219 - Mrs. Ardith Wrisk

LUTHERAN:

669 - Mr. William Taylor

M323 - Mrs. Amelia Dare

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED:

To Mrs. Tana Harter and family in the death of her grandmother, Lucile Richardson, on Sunday, May 23.

RESPONSE TO INVITATION:

Mr. Paul Waugh, 4660 Calumet, -06, 745-4332, identified with us in a transfer of membership from Simpson United Methodist Church. Paul has been active in D.M.A. and the Progressive Class during the past year. He is retired from Tokeim and spends much time with his wood and metal shops in his home along with his flowers and yard. He has taken movies and edited them as sound travel movies which have been greatly appreciated by our D.M.A. We welcome Paul as one of us!

NAOMI GROUP:

Will have a Salad Potluck beginning at 10:30 A.M., on Thursday, June 5 with Mildred Tharp, 6440 S. Fairfield.

BOARD MEETING

The last regular Board meeting of the current Board is slated for 7:30 P.M. Tuesday, June 3. All members are needed!

MAY AVERAGES

Worship	259
Church School	116
Thr. Week Education	16
Budget Giving	$2,583.53

NEW MEMBERS DURING MAY:

Heather Jenkins, Michael & Mary Novachcoff, Hazel Cleaver, and Paul Waugh.

ALL CHURCH MINI-BUS SALE DAY---SATURDAY, MAY 31

Donations of ITEMS FOR THE SALE--BAKED GOODS--NEWSPAPERS AND OLD PHONE DIRECTORIES---THESE ARE NEEDED BY 9:00 A.M. on Saturday. If you cannot bring your items, call the church office for pick up to be made.

SATURDAY -- HELP is needed for the Car Wash--Canvassing papers--working the sale, meal, and bake sale.

DONATIONS are needed for items and services -- PEOPLE ARE NEEDED!

SALE DAY--MAY 31

RUMMAGE SALE AND BAKE SALE IN FELLOWSHIP HALL -- 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
Bake Sale is staffed by Gospel Seekers and Berean Classes
Rummage Sale is headed by special committee and various workers

LUNCH IN WEST FELLOWSHIP HALL -- 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.
Sandwiches, Salads, Desserts, Drinks - headed by Progressive Class, Come Double Class, and Bible Study Class

CAR WASH ON PARKING LOT - 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
Staffing includes C.Y.F.'ers, Y.E.S. Group, and Young Couples Class.

PAPER DRIVE - 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
Help by bringing papers to church--Call if you need help;
Canvassing of the neighborhood--Chi Rho, Harmony Class, Christians Under Construction.

SOME PURPOSES OF MINI-BUS

1. To conserve energy in transportation.
2. To increase opportunities for worship and participation by offering transportation.
3. To facilitate fellowship and relationships by traveling in a group.
4. To cut cost for D.M.A. trips for senior citizens.
5. To enlarge and acilitate programmatic opportunities.

GIVING NEEDED DESPERATELY!

May was a low month in giving- We had an unusual gas bill of $1,622.14 and a Parking Lot re-surfacing bill of $1,678.56. Ex-penditures outdid income. Some are limited by unemployment. Yet, if we give as we prosper as a total church, we can meet budget during 1980.

1980 GIVING NEEDS	$169,882
NEEDED WEEKLY	3,267
NEEDED TO DATE	68,607
GIVING TO DATE	61,536
21 ~~Week~~ shortage	7,071
21 Week average	2,930

WE CAN IF WE WILL! WE MUST ACT!

IMPORTANT COMING SUNDAYS

June 1 - We honor our 1980 graduating high school seniors during worship at 10:30 P.M.

June 8 - Our choirs all lead us in worship on CHOIR SUNDAY at 10:45 P.M.

June 15 - Senior Citizen Sunday with seniors leading worship in various responsibilities and Dr. Maurice Thompson preaching. We would offer special transportation for the day to any who can possibly attend!

ENDURING GIFTS

Memorial Gifts and Bequests to the church live on. Express an enduring stewardship by such gifts to First Christian Church of Fort Wayne. Have you remembered your church in your will?

PENTECOST OFFERING

$475.01 has been received to date for this over-and-above outreach offering to undergird the wider church in Basic Mission Finance.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

June 1-7, 1980

Barbara Johnson	(1)
Arthur Chevalier	(1)
Ellen Buchanan	(2)
Necia Stueker	(3)
David Rinker	(5)
Morris Swift	(5)
Ralph Church	(6)
John Heckler	(6)
Terry Walters	(6)
Stanley Cole	(7)
Stephan Taulbee	(7)
Virginia Pequienot	(7)

OVERSEAS STAFF FOR PRAYER

Rik & Pat Spier, Kitahara 38-40 Fukushima-shi, 960, Japan.

D.M.A. JUNE TRIP:

Our D.M.A. will sponsor a trip open to all on Tuesday, June 24 to Battle Creek, Michigan. The day includes the Kellogg Company, lunch at the W.K. Kellogg Bird Sanctuary. Cost is $8.00 for the bus fare leaving our lot at 6:00 P.M. Call the church office now for reservations or send a check for each reservation with names.

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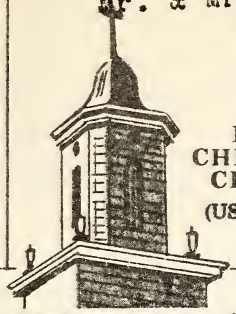

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JUNE 7
7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast
2:00 P.M. Chi Rho Swim & Picnic at Clines, 5705 Fernwood

SUNDAY, JUNE 8
8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship - CHOIR SUNDAY
12:30 P.M. Children's Choir Swim & Picnic at Clines
5:00 P.M. Berean Class Picnic at Clines

MONDAY, JUNE 9
7:30 P.M. Evangelism Committee

TUESDAY, JUNE 10
11:30 A.M. Rebecca Group, Hobby Ranch House
7:30 P.M. Refugee Task Force

PANTRY NEEDS:

POWDERED MILK, CEREAL,

PEANUT BUTTER, FRUIT

WORSHIP ON JUNE 8TH

Worship is central and normal for the Christian both for self and for the community of faith. Either join in worship here or if out of town where you are--this and every Sunday.

8:15 A.M. - PREACHING & COMMUNION

Our Meditative Worship will include Virginia Johnson as soloist and Dr. Cline preaching, "GOD WILL INJECT LIFE INTO A LIFELESS FORM." Read I Kings 17:17-24; Luke 7:11-17; Galatians 1:11-24.

10:45 A.M. - MUSIC & COMMUNION

Our Choirs will join together in our annual Choir Sunday in worship. Hymns sung by all, singing by our Children's and Chancel Choirs, and music by our Youth Handbell Choir, pianist, and organist--these will focus our worship experience. Join in joyful praise and songs of thanksgiving and love to God!

CHURCH SCHOOL AT 9:30 A.M.

Between our worship hours, we have classes for all age groupings plus several special offerings. Join the 145 who were in Church School last Sunday! Find fellowship and learning in the class groups!

SERVING JUNE 8

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Ralph Church and Robert Johnson

10:45 A.M. Bert Leversee and Robert Rayl

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M. Busse-SW, M. Hutchinson-NW, J. Young, T. Sauerwein

10:45 A.M. S. Schell-SW, B. Grimm-NW, H. Stevenson-NE, J. Jump-SE, S. Grimm, J. Bickel, A. Lee, E. Conrad

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, Tim Evans, W. Smith

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson, M. Callahan, J. Glasgow

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. R. Rayl - G. Davis
C. Ludwig - S. Allen
J. Church - L. York

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Sue Allen - Pat Mullen

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Marge Lehman & Gini Brown

NURSERY WORKERS

10:45 A.M. D. & B. Short

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: 764 Mrs. Amelia Dare
M222 Mrs. Hazel Cleaver
379 Mrs. Sue Skelton & son
767 Mr. John Freed
470 Mrs. Mary Higgins
ST. JOSEPH: 721 Mr. Vaughn Brickley
PARKVIEW: 431 Mrs. Helen Sherrin
554 Mrs. Ellyn Kreischer

REFUGEE TASK FORCE MEETING

A very important meeting for all persons interested in Refugee Family Sponsorship is set for Tuesday, June 10 at 7:30 P.M. This will determine direction for the immediate future.

CONGRATULATIONS! To Jack and Sue Skelton whose son was born June 2!

REPORT OF MINI-BUS SALE DAY!

Rummage	$ 646.02
Lunch	170.31
Paper Sale	125.67
Car Wash	275.00
Bake Sale	154.48
Donation	100.00
TOTAL FOR DAY	$1,471.48

THANKS SO MUCH TO MANY FOR MUCH HARD WORK AND DONATIONS AND SUPPORT!

DISCIPLE SINGLE'S FELLOWSHIP

All high school graduates and singles through 20's are invited this Saturday at 7:30 P.M. to the Harters, 4922 Knoll Rd. for the formation meeting of Singles from Saturn, North, West Creighton, First, and possibly other Disciple Churches of this Area. It will include some books for possible study, share some food, listen to one another's hopes and dreams for the group.

SENIOR CITIZEN SUNDAY - JUNE 15

Our Seniors will lead our worship hours on the 15th. Special transportation will be arranged for any needing it in order to be present. Plan now for June 15th!

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

To Mrs. Rosemary Krull and family in the death of her mother, Ruth Tripplett, on June 2 in Morocco, Indiana.

THANKS FOR SPECIAL SALE HELP

Thanks to those who helped in the pricing for items in the Rummage Sale and who helped me during the day of the Sale.

Shirley Callahan

CALLING FOR CAMP AND CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Summer Youth Camps for 1980 are filling up--registrations are needed immediately to assure a place with a choice of experiences. The theme for all levels this year is "PRAYER CALLED LIFE". Because this is considered a vital part of our Christian Education program, one half of each fee will be paid through the Christian Education portion of the budget. Thus, one-half of the listed fee is due with the registration form as soon as possible. Many special programs are offered in addition to those listed below. Full information brochures are available in the church office.

BARBEE CAMP - FOR THOSE ENTERING GRADES 5 & 6 IN FALL

June 23-28 - Wayne Markward, Director. *Bruce Lehman* is a counselor. *Heather Jenkins* is a camper.

July 14-19 - Jack & Virginia Wachenschwanz are co-directors. *Linda Wilburn* is a counselor.

BARBEE CAMP - FOR THOSE ENTERING GRADES 7 & 8 IN FALL

July 7-12 - Mark Richardson, Director. *Laura Peter* is a counselor for this event emphasizing Sports Skills. *Eric Zimmerman* is a camper.

July 21-26 - Drexel Rankin, Director. *Marlene Crouse* and *Laura Peter* are counselors.

BARBEE CAMP - FOR THOSE ENTERING GRADES 9, 10, 11, 12 IN FALL

July 27-August 2 - Dena Shepherdson, Director

August 3-9 - Don McCord, Director *Anne Lee* is a camper.

Please fill out forms and turn in with money to the church office as soon as possible. Time is fleeting! Plan now for this enrichment!

SUMMER INTERN FOR 1980 - LAURA PETER

Laura Peter has returned for her second Summer Intern experience under our program. This is the eighth such leadership and learning experience provided for by our Church Vocation Memorial Trust Fund. Earnings from this fund are used annually for Church Vocation Scholarship loan/grants plus this program. The permanent fund comes primarily from estate bequests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Betz, Miss Verna Sullivan, and Mrs. Edna Saxon plus many other Memorial Gifts in the past 8 years.

Laura hails from First Christian Church of Rochester and is the daughter of Don and Marilyn Peter. She is the second child of five with two brothers and two sisters.

This fall she will begin her senior year at Bethel College in Mishawaka where she is majoring in Youth Ministries with minors in Christian Education, Education, Psychylogy, and Biblical Literature. She recently received a diamond engagement ring from Scott Berkey of Goshen, a fellow student at Bethel.

Major attention will be given to youth and children and education in her work this year. She has been awaited with anticipation by our people on Special Care through visits of last summer. Each week she is responsible for a self-analysis paper of growth and learning as a basis of weekly conferences with Dr. Cline. We welcome Laura as our intern of 1980

D.M.A. TRIP TO MICHIGAN

On June 24th, the D.M.A. will leave the parking lot on an Indiana Motor Co Bus at 8:00 A.M. for Battle Creek, Michigan to visit the Kellogg Company, lunch at Roger the Chef Cafeteria, and visit the W.K. Kellogg Bird Sanctuary. Cost is $8 for the bus which will return at 6:00 P.M.

Reservations need to be made at the church office as soon as possible! First come, first served! 39 are now signed up, namely: Fred & Helen Buchanan, Esther Whitton, Vivian Konow, Bernice Baxter, Elinor & Kenneth Place, Irene Kissinger, Clara Kleint, Mildred & Carl Linn, Rolland & Genevieve Ripple, Grace Truby, Bernice Montgomery, Vera Ferguson, Evelyn Schugg, Thelma Adams, Florence Palmer, Amy Moellering, Paul Waugh, Dorothy Sentman, Earl & Reba Fusselman, John & Velma Heckler, Leon & Ruby Johns, Earl & Ruth Plummer, Alma Busche, Alice Bosecker, Marguerite Smith, Julia Cloeter, Hilda Schulz, Don & Jeanette Sheehan, Maurice & Avis Thompson. 46 is the maximum on the bus!

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER
JUNE 8-14, 1980

Pat Bennett (8)
Ron Kiger (8)
Mel Busse (9)
Chad Cline (9)
Virginia Englehart (9)
Clarence Hetrick (9)
Irene Kissinger (9)
Bill Howard (10)
David Johnston (10)
Sally Cotton (10)
Bev Hendricks (12)
Jody Brown (12)
Doris Bushey (13)
Susan Thompson (13)
Laura Tomes (13)
Mike Watson (14)
Elsie Widler (14)

OVERSEAS STAFF:
Rik & Pat Spier

GROUPS FOR PICNICS & SWIMS:

Picnic & Swim at the Clines, 5705 Fernwood during the coming weeks:

CHILDREN AND YOUTH GROUPS:

(Bring items for swimming--all is furnished for meal.)

CHI RHO FELLOWSHIP - 2:00 to 6:00 P.M., Saturday, June 7

CHILDREN'S CHOIR - 12:30 to 4:00 P.M., Sunday, June 8

CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP - 1:00 to 5:00 P.M., Sunday, June 22.

ADULT GROUPS:

(Bring covered dish for picnic & swimsuits if desire; table service and drinks furnished.)

GOSPEL SEEKERS CLASS was Sunday, June 1.

BEREAN CLASS - 5:00 P.M., Sunday, June 8.

COME DOUBLE CLASS - 6:30 P.M. Friday, June 20.

BIBLE STUDY CLASS - 6:30 P.M. Friday, June 27.

YOUNG COUPLES CLASS - 3:00 P.M., Sunday, June 29.

CHRISTIANS UNDER CONSTRUCTION CLASS, 3:00 P.M., Saturday, July 12.

HARMONY CLASS - 1:00 P.M., Sunday, July 13.

Y.E.S. GROUP - 1:00 P.M., Sunday, July 20.

D.M.A. - 12:00 Noon, Tuesday, July 22.

SPECIAL FUND:

Mini-Bus Fund	$ 3,213.11
Refugee Sponsorship	434.00
Pentecost Offering	519.01
1980 BUDGET GIVING	
Offering 6/2	**3,077.43**
Needed weekly	**3,267.00**
Received weekly	**2,936.96**
Cumulative shortage	**7,260.93**

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CHURCH CALENDAR

UNDAY, JUNE 15
:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
"SENIOR CITIZEN SUNDAY"
:30 A.M. Church School
HURSDAY, JUNE 19
:30 P.M. Lay Personnel Committee with Committee Chairpersons
RIDAY, JUNE 20
:30 P.M. Come Double Class at Clines for Picnic

ANTRY NEEDS: CEREAL, POWDERED MILK, CANNED FRUIT, SOUP

SENIOR CITIZEN SUNDAY

We are making special efforts to invite and provide transportation this Sunday for our Senior Citizens. All who are retired or over 60 will be presented a flower as they arrive.

For this special Sunday, Dr. Maurice Thompson will be preaching, "KEEPING YOUR ENTHUSIASM" based on I Kings 19:1-21 with a focus on verses 4-8. Dr. Cline will lead the communion moments.

During Meditative Worship at 8:15 A.M. Sarah Smith and Mamie aldwell will share in worship leadership at the lectern. Elders will be illiam Caldwell and Cecil Rice. Ushers and Deacons are Don Smith, Don Pomroy, Earl Fusselman, and Ralph Richards.

Special music will be provided at the 10:45 A.M. Worship hour by a en's ensemble composed of Don Parlette, Art Huddleston, Vince Wells, ecil Rice, Earl Plummer, Rolland Ripple, Glenn Miller and Marvin Crouse.

Worship leaders at 10:45 include Rolland Ripple, Ethel Flowers, and rt Huddleston. Avis Thompson will give the Children's Sermonette. lders will be Fred Smell and Gene Klepfer. Ushers and Deacons will be alter Bowen, Henry Flowers, Earl Plummer, Ralph Keller, John Heckler, omer Stevenson, and Bert Leversee.

We rejoice in those who have shared a length of days who are a part of ur church family. We salute and honor and recognize them on this Sunday enior Citizen Sunday - June 15th!

Greet as many of our seniors this Sunday as possible - introduce yourelf if you do not know them by name!

SERVING JUNE 15

ASSIGNED ELDERS, BOARD OF DIACONATE MEMBERS AND USHERS for June 15 will be replaced by Senior Citizen Participation leading on Senior Citizen Sunday-see the lead article on P. 1.

COMMUNION PREPARATION
Delores Keebortz

NURSERY WORKERS

10:45 A.M. B. Mettler, Sharon Knuckles

EXTENDED SESSION

NUR. II - C. Cline, L. Peter
NUR. III - G. & R. Hosfield
K-1 - R. & L. Jackson

GIVING COUNTERS

Merle Grimm and Sam Hayes

IN HOSPITALS

ST. JOSEPH: 362 Mr. August Mueller
721 Mr. Vaughn Brickley

LUTHERAN:
M222 Mrs. Hazel Cleaver
767 Mr. John Freed
764 Mrs. Amelia Dare

IMPORTANT LAY PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING

The Lay Personnel Committee will meet with chairpersons of all standing committees at 7:30 P.M., Thursday, June 19.

THANKS TO CHOIRS

We thank our Children's Choir, the Youth Bell Choir, and the Chancel Choir for our musical service last Sunday at 10:45 A.M. We also appreciate our directors, Sara Davis and Shirley Callahan and our accompanists, Jerry Zimmerman and Vee Parlette. Thanks for leading through music!

PENTECOST OFFERING

$550 was received in special over and above Outreach Giving for our Pentecost Offering. It will be sent to help support the Basic Mission work of the Christian Church. Thanks to all who gave!

PICNIC AND SOFT BALL GAME

The Y.E.S. Group and the Young ~~Singles~~ Couples Class will have a combined pot luck picnic and soft ball game starting at 1:30 P.M. Sunday, June 22, at Tom and Nancy Harters, 1321 Putnam adjoining Hamilton Park.

CALL FOR REGULAR GIVING

Three Sundays remain in the first six months of 1980. We encourage all to be as current as possible in giving by June 30. Regular giving is needed! We have had extremely high bills related to property. We are behind in Outreach support! Give as you have propsered in dedication to God!

TOUR WITH THE THOMPSONS!

Dr. and Mrs. Maurice Thompson will host their fourth 9-day all-inclusive tour to the Bible Lands this fall, departing Nov. 17. They invite all who are interested to contact them through the church office or at 1-356-4241. (Huntington)

This first-class tour includes 5 days in Israel and one in Jordon with extensions to Egypt, Greece and Austria.

Full details and brochure are available.

SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS OF THE CHURCH BOARD - JUNE 3, 1980

The Board on recommendation of the Stewardship-Finance Committee approved the transfer of $1,000 of Other World Outreach funds for the Helping Hand Fund. This is to underwrite needs among families of our congregation because of the lack of employment or other crises. Other money will be similarly set aside if there is usage by those who are hurting in the present economic crisis.

The Helping Hand Fund has been a standing fund for aid either within the congregation or in the community. It is at the basic discreation of the Senior Pastor. Recently, one of our members aided some time age made a gift back to the church similar to the aid received. Yet, it is made as a gift and not as a loan. We believe that we need to care for our own hurting as well as reaching into our community and world.

Upon recommendation of the Lay Personnel Committee, Pat Mullen was approved to fill the unexpired term of Rose Jenkins as Chairwoman of the Membership Committee and Diane Mory was elected for a two year term as Church Librarian beginning July 1. Peg Buskirk and Bert Leversee were elected for two year terms by the Board as members of the Lay Personnel Committee.

Mel Phillips, Executive Director of the Associated Churches, was present to interpret their work. 84% of the third, fourth, and fifth grade students of our community choose to participate in the released time Christian Education program. For 40% of these this is their only religious instruction.

The treasurer's report showed a deficit of $1,777.89 in operating funds for expenses of the congregation as of the end of May. Much spending has been held down except for extremely high bills in Property upkeep. We were right at a $7,000 giving deficit as of the end of May. As of the end of May the Mini-Bus Fund stood at $1,760.97 and the Refugee Sponsorship Fund at $434.

The Bible School Adventure for Children from July 28 to August 21 has a leadership team of Sherry Crawford, Betty Grimm, Lea Jackson, and Diane Mory working with Avis Thompson and Laura Peter. Bible School Adventures will devote one day per week to each age level as follows: Mondays (9:30 to 12:00 noon) Nursery III (children who will enter public school kindergarten in fall of 1980 and 81), Tuesdays (9:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M.) for K-1, Wednesdays (9:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M.) for 2nd & 3rd Grade; and Thursday 9:30 to 2:30 for 4th and 5th grades. Each day will be a unit in itself. Children of our church, the neighborhood, friends, anyone is welcome!

The all-church Picnic will be Saturday, September 20 at McMillan Park.

YOUTH CAMP AND CONFERENCE

Register now by turning in your name and one-half of the fee so that registrations may be processed and your pick of weeks may be honored!

We rejoice in the following from our congregation currently leading or enrolled as participants.

BARBEE - Camp 5 & 6, June 23-28
Counselor - Bruce Lehman
Youth - Heather Jenkins, Eric Mory

CANOE TRIP - Minnesota & Canada
June 30-July 9
Youth - Tim Briggs

BARBEE - SPORTS SKILLS - those entering 7 & 8 - July 7-12
Counselor - Laura Peter
Youth - Robert Briggs, Kevin Mory, Tony York, Eric Zimmerman

BARBEE - 5 & 6, July 14 - 19
Counselor - Linda Wilburn
Youth - Julie Briggs

BARBEE - General for those entering Grades 7 & 8, July 21-26
Counselors - Marlene Crouse and Laura Peter

BARBEE - General for those entering Grades 9-12, July 27 - August 2
Youth - Mai Pauley

BARBEE - General for those entering Grades 9-12, August 3-9
Youth - Tim Briggs, Julie Cook, Anne Lee, Laura Sauerwein

Also, we have Miriam Bixenman and Peg Buskirk who are cooks at Barbee this summer.

DISHES IN KITCHEN

Some of you had dishes here at the church for the Mini-Bus Sale Day and the Bake Sale. These dishes have been placed in the lower cabinet in the SW corner of the kitchen. Look for yours!

D.M.A. TRIP ON JUNE 24

We have moved to a second bus for our D.M.A. Trip to Battle Creek, Michigan on June 24 leaving at 8:00 A.M. and returning by 6:00 P.M. Tours of Kelloggs and the Kellogg Bird Sanctuary are the day's activities. Lunch at Roger the Chef Cafeteria. Cost for the bus is $8 per person. We are well into our second bus--enlist others to fill it.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER
JUNE 15-21, 1980

Doug Allen (15)
Clint Crowe (15)
Valetta Parlette (15)
Mary King (16)
Josephine Weyer (16)
Andrew Cook (17)
Gene Auer (18)
Gary Hall (18)
Fern Kenline (18)
Bernice Montgomery (18)
Robert Coleman (19)
Linda Johnstone (19)
Don Parlette (19)
Bill Schilling, Sr. (19)
Esther Whitton (19)
Joan Penny (20)
Roxy Wunderlich (20)
Orie McDougle (21)

OVERSEAS STAFF FOR PRAYER:
Rik & Pat Spier

UNBOUNDED LOVE

The basic Christian faith and Biblical revelation from the perspective of modern Process Thought. Led by Dr. Cline.
THURSDAY MORNINGS - June 19 & 26; July 10 & 17, 9:30 to 11:00
or WEDNESDAY EVENINGS July 9, 16, 23, & 30. 7:30 to 9:30 P.M. - Cost $4. Call the office.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY, JUNE 20
6:30 P.M. Come Double Class at Clines, 5705 Fernwood

SATURDAY, JUNE 21
7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast

SUNDAY, JUNE 22
8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship "Camp Commissioning"
9:30 A.M. Church School
9:40 A.M. Film, "Restless Wave" in Worship Nave
1:30 P.M. Young Couples & Y.E.S. Group at Harters, 1321 Putnam

MONDAY, JUNE 23
7:30 P.M. Refugee Sponsorship Task Force

TUESDAY, JUNE 24
8:00 A.M. D.M.A. Trip to Battle Creek
7:30 P.M. Worship & Pastoral Relations Committee

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25
5:30 P.M. CYF Swim, Supper & Meeting at Clines

THURSDAY, JUNE 26
9:30 A.M. Edge of Adventure Class
7:30 P.M. COME Support Group

PANTRY NEEDS:

CEREAL, POWDERED MILK, CANNED FRUIT, SOUP

MOVIE ON SUNDAY -- RESTLESS WAVE

All youth and adult Church School Classes have been invited to unite in the Worship Nave at 9:40 A.M. this coming Sunday the 22nd to view the movie, THE RESTLESS WAVE. This film visualizes in persons and conditions the Refugee camps from the Boat People in South east Asia. This film is being sponsored by the Refugee Sponsorship Task Force whose hope and dream is to be ready with finances and committed persons to receive a family about August 15. The film was prepared by the Netherlands and edited by the Commissioner for Refugees of the United Nations.

It tells and visualizes the reality of our world against which we must rehear and respond to the words of Jesus, namely, *"Then the King will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I*

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SERVING JUNE 22

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Mildred Hartman and Jack Weicker

10:45 A.M. Ben Taylor and Joe Wiley

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. S. Allen-SW, B. Pauley-NW, B. Schilling, D. Johnson

10:45 A.M. V. Taylor-SW, J. Stucky-NW, T. Harter-NE, P. Mullen, SE, B. Mettler, W. Bowen, J. Johnson, K. Taylor

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, W. DeVinney, M. Pontius

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson, R. Hunt, B. Kerley

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. R. Church - T. Sauerwein
D. Widler - S. Schell
W. Franklin - W. Bowen

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Delores Keebortz

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

The John Briggs family

NURSERY WORKERS

10:45 A.M. J. & P. Bickel

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NUR. III - N. Lucas & B. Short
K-1 - R. & L. Jackson

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: 467 Mr. John Freed
416 Mr. Chip Olson
M104 Mrs. Emma Phillips

WEDDING BY PASTOR

George T. Shirar and Anita Kay Petty on 6/14/80. They will be residing at 2412 West 54th, Davenport, Iowa 52806.

RESPONSE TO INVITATION:

MRS. GENE PARKER, 1503 E. Paulding Rd, #730, 06, 456-7222, identified back in our congregation where she formerly was a member. Virginia is a widow and is currently employed at Magnavox. Her mother, Vada Tatman, is a member of our congregation and she has one daughter. We welcome this renewal of relationship in our fellowship.

C.Y.F. NEXT WEDNESDAY EVENING

Those entering high school in the fall plus the graduates of this year are invited along with others of grades 9-12 next Wednesday the 25th beginning at 5:30 at the Clines. It is a combination of swim, eating, and meeting. Come and bring guests!

GENERAL BOARD OF CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Dr. Cline left Sunday noon for the General Board meeting of the Christian Church held in Cincinnati to present the report of the National Evangelistic Association to the sub-section on Sunday evening and the plenary body on Monday. Chad Cline is one of the lay members of this 200 member body elected as a Youth representative for 1978 - 81.

CONGRATULATIONS ON ANNIVERSARY

To Bill and Hazel Crouse, long time active and dedicated leaders of our congregation on their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary on last Sunday, June 15.

SUMMER CAMP AND CONFERENCE COMMISSIONING ON SUNDAY

All of First Christian's participants in Summer Camp and Conference are asked to be in one of the worship hours this Sunday for a special commissioning service. We rejoice in the youth and adults participating. If any have not registered yet--ACT NOW and get your registration form to the church office by Saturday the 21st! We need the signed form plus one-half of the registration cost. The church pays the other half as an investment in Christian Education.

OUR 1980 CAMP AND CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS

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Youth - Tim Briggs

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Youth - Tim Briggs, Julie Cook, Jeff Johnson, Anne Lee, Laura Sauerwein

BARBEE COOKS FOR 1980 - Miriam Bixenman and Peg Buskirk

REMEMBER: OUR CHURCH CAMP COMMISSIONING at either 8:15 or 10:45 A.M. THIS SUNDAY during the church worship.

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ALL CHURCH CAMP OUTS PLANNED FOR JULY AND AUGUST

The weekends of July 18-20 and August 15-17 have been set for All-Church Camp Outs. These will include camping lots adjoining, at least one shared meal, Saturday night Worship, Sunday intergenerational Christian Education All campers within our church fellowship of members and friends are encouraged to join in these experiences. The July event will be held at Chain-O-Lakes.

Call the church office as soon as possible if you will be participating in one or the other or both of these camp-outs. Camping gear is on a family basis as well as most meals. People interested in exploring camping should call in for these is some loan equipment possible.

Depth of community and relationships have grown in these Camp Outs!

RESTLESS WAVE (from page 1)

was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him Lord, when did we see thee hungry and feed thee, or thirsty and give thee drink? And when did we see thee a stranger and welcome thee, or naked and clothe thee? And when did we see thee sick or in prison and visit thee? And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.'" Matt. 25:34-40

All persons whether or not regularly in Church School are urged to see this film at 9:40 A.M. next Sunday morning.

If you cannot see it on Sunday, you would be invited to the meeting at 7:30 P.M. Monday, the 23rd, when it will be reshown for our Task Force and representatives from Grace United Church of Christ.

AREA DISCIPLE SINGLES FELLOWSHIP

Sunday Evening - June 29th at 7:30 P.M. at North Christian Church. -- We had 11 at the last gathering!

POTLUCK PICNICS AT CLINES

6:30 P.M., Friday, June 20 - THE COME DOUBLE CLASS.
6:30 P.M., Friday, June 27 - THE BIBLE STUDY CLASS
12:00 Noon, Saturday, June 28 - THE PROGRESSIVE CLASS
3:00 P.M., Sunday, June 29 - THE YOUNG COUPLES CLASS

D.M.A. TRIP NEXT TUESDAY

Our D.M.A. will leave at 8:00 A.M. next Tuesday the 24th for Battle Creek, Michigan. We still have room on the buses and would encourage others to go.

In addition to the 39 listed two weeks ago, the following are also signed for the trip: H. Mackes, D. Smith, G. Palmer, M. Schreves, L. Peter, E. Shroyer, W. Price, L. Hunt, E. Shook, L. Coleman, M. Lehman, M. Jones, T. Jones, N. Filler, D. Ballard, S. Easley, V. Coals, S. Melchi, Z. Gaskill, R. Lovette, S. Strabler, K. Strabler, A. Brotherman, S. Pauley, M. Pauley, H. & H. Stevenson, M. Cook, E. Dull, F. Eckert, E. & D. Kreischer, A. Fitch, E. & H. Flowers, F. Beachler, P. Morrell, M. Wilhelm & guest.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER
JUNE 22-28, 1980

Jo Flickinger (23)
Henry Flowers (23)
Kurt Schryver (23)
Jack Weicker (23)
LeAnn Urich (23)
Mamie Miller (24)
Dean Widler (25)
Norma Andrew (26)
Amelia Dare (26)
Lois Buchanan (27)
George Hosfield (28)
Pauline Horn (28)
Mildred Linn (28)
Scott Rayl (28)
Dwain Graham (28)

OVERSEAS STAFF FOR PRAYER:
Rik and Pat Spier

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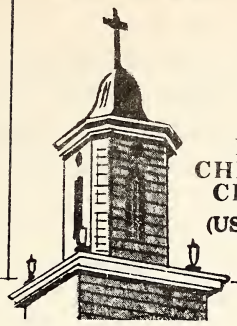

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CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY, JUNE 27
6:30 P.M. Bible Study Class to Clines

SATURDAY, JUNE 28
12:00 Noon Progressive Class to Clines

SUNDAY, JUNE 29
8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
7:00 P.M. D.S.F. (Disciple Singles Fellowship at North Christian

THURSDAY, JULY 3
9:30 A.M. Edge of Adventure Class
9:30 A.M. Naomi Group, Dorothy Schmidt, 219 W. Sherwood Terr.

PANTRY NEEDS: POWDERED MILK, CEREAL, CANNED FRUIT,

VOTE ON ASSOCIATE PASTOR

This confirms the announcement of the past Sunday of a called congregational meeting during both worship hours this coming Sunday, June 29 -- 8:15 A.M. and 10:45 A.M. This meeting is to act on a Board recommendation of an Associate Pastor and also to confirm some nominations of church leaders.

GARY NUNNALLY is being recommended to come as of September 1 following his graduation from Brite Seminary of Texas Christian University and his ordination at Rosemont Christian Church in Dallas where he is now a Student Associate. He is a native of Texas and attended San Antonio Junior College and received a B.S. degree from Texas A. & M. He comes with high recommendations from his present post where he has excelled in youth work and calling on the senior citizens.

His wife, REBECCA, graduated from Brite this spring and was ordained in her home church in Eureka, Illinois on May 18. She has specialized in Christian education, and pastoral care and will be seeking employment in another congregation or other community agency.

Gary would come to take special responsibility in Christian Education, Youth Work, Church Growth, and Pastoral Work in an Associate role with Dr. Cline to maximize their gifts in complementary working assignments.

All members are urged to make special effort to be present!

SERVING JUNE 29

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. George Bruckman and Mark Snyder

10:45 A.M. Dean Widler and Bert Leversee

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Keebortz-SW, P. Yentes-NW, M. Hutchinson, J. Young

10:45 A.M. B. Hendricks-SW, S. Hayes-NW, S. Schell-NE, B. Grimm-SE, H. Stevenson, J. Jump, S. Grimm, J. Bickel

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, S. Keebortz, T. Sauerwein

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson, G. Bozarth, R. Jackson

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Delores Keebortz

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

The Tom Knuckles family & Opal Carper

NURSERY WORKERS

10:45 A.M. R. Krull

EXTENDED SESSION

NUR. II - C. Cline & L. Peter

NUR. III - G. & R. Hosfield

K-1 - R. & L. Jackson

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: M104 Mrs. Emma Phillips

RESPONSES TO INVITATION:

MRS. OTIS DULL, 1306 Sheridan Ct. 07, 456-3804, identified with us in reaffirmation of faith and transfer from Grace United Church of Christ. Elizabeth was widowed in November of 1978 and has a daughter and five grandchildren in Iowa. She has participated in D.M.A. Trips, worship, and School of Christian Growth Classes regularly in the past year. She enjoys and takes pride in her flowers, yard, and home.

MRS. EARL STEARNS, 4714 S. Calhoun, 07, made a recommitment of life to Christ and identified in a transfer of membership from New Haven United Methodist Church. Dawn has recently begun a new job as medical typist at Parkview Hospital. Earl, her husband, is now at ITT and is a tool and dye maker. Dawn graduated from New Haven High School in 1975 and was married last fall.

We welcome these in their decisions expressed Sunday!

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THANK YOUS!

"I want to thank you so very much for the beautiful Good News Bible. I am sure I will find much inspiration in it now and through college. Thanks again! God bless!

Love in Christ,
Anne Lee

"Thank you so much for the 'Good News'. It shall be the first book into my room at college and probably the most read.

Thank you again for the thoughtful and helpful gift.

Yours in Christ,
Jeff Johnson

GREETINGS IN OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST!

Decisions such as those expressed last Sunday by Elizabeth Dull and Dawn Stearns are both important in their personal lives and in the life of our community of faith. Life in relationship with Christ and in a vital functioning relationship with the church are basic and we believe are imperative to life in its fullest and most permanent expressions.

Indication has been given of another decision this coming Sunday. Be present to share in the personal victory. Be in prayer for persons making or pondering decisions as well as for yourself. Be a part of the lives of others finding and growing in the Lordship of Christ.

This Sunday the sermon will focus on "CALLED TO BE A DISCIPLE" based on Luke 9:18-24. Beyond just this sermon, I am struggling with this season of Pentecost or Kingdomtide which extends from Pentecost to Advent at the beginning of December. This is a season to consider growth in the kingdom of God. It is a time to find out what God desires in our pilgrimmage of faith as his adopted child. It is a time to celebrate that we are on a continuous pilgrimmage of faith and life.

Three words have embedded themselves deep in my life in recent years as I ponder the Christian walk, namely, COMMITMENT, DISCIPLINE, and MINISTRY. The beginning of it all is our basic union of life with Christ and the vital bond and relationship which is established. This commitment does not remain vital and growing apart from disciplines of prayer, worship study, service, scripture, and relationships. Finally, we are called to be servants of ministry continuing the work of Christ in our day and in our world.

I would ask that we continually ponder these dimensions of our Christian relationship. *Am I committed? What more is God calling me to be or do? Have I really decided to give Jesus first place in my life? Am I giving continuing strength and power to my commitment through disciplines? What am I willing to be or do regularly to allow God to speak to the core of my life? What is my ministry as a person? Where am I losing myself for God and others? What servant ministry is Christ accomplishing uniquely through me?* Someone has said, "Service is the rent we pay for our place on earth."

These words--commitment, discipline, and ministry--may they be a constant celebration, a constant question, and a constant call of God upon you and me especially as we share these months until we look again starting in December at the action of God celebrated in Advent, Epiphany, Lent and Easter Seasons.

Hope to see you Sunday!

Harold E Clark

SWITCH IN DATES - YOUNG COUPLES

The Young Couples Class Swim and Picnic at the Clines has been changed from June 29 to 3:00 P.M. on Saturday, July 19. This is to match more calendars in scheduling.

SWEET REVENGE!!!

The Y.E.S. Group overwhelmed the Young Couples Class in softball last Sunday, 32-9. This was "sweet revenge" for the victory which went to the Young Couples last year. Thanks to all for a good picnic and game!

D.M.A. TO WAGON WHEEL PLAYHOUSE

Sign up is now for our D.M.A. trips to the Wagon Wheel Playhouse during August. Cost is $9 per person which includes the bus fare and the ticket in the group.

6:30 P.M., Tuesday, August 12 the group will go to see FIDDLER ON THE ROOF.

6:30 P.M. Tuesday, August 26 the group will go to see SHENANDOAH.

Sign up NOW for one or the other or both of these excursions.

YOUTH COUNSELOR:

In addition to the youth and adults listed last week, *Jaynie Jenkins* is going to be a counselor at Camp Barbee this coming week, June 29 - July 5.

UNBOUNDED LOVE

The Bible Study Class meeting in E. Fellowship Hall will spend nine weeks in the study of Unbounded Love by Norman Pittinger starting on July 6 and continuing through August 31. Dr. Cline is leading this study which helps each person ponder his own understanding and experience of God, Christ, man, Holy Spirit, Church, Destiny, and daily living. This is open to any from 9:30 to 10:30 the Church School hour.

END OF QUARTER IN GIVING!

Our 1980 giving reaches the halfway point this Sunday. We are currently $8,924 short of where we need to be in weekly giving. We would be in serious condition if we had not run short of staff these six months. We need all to be current and regular. The most important issue is commitment expressed to God in proportion to the resources entrusted into our hands. May we make every effort to bring or mail our tithes and offerings this week!

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER
JUNE 29 - JULY 5

Thomas Rayl (29)
Karen Buzzard (29)
Mildred Hartman (29)
Cheryl Busse (30)
Leesa Jump (30)
Schellie Schell (1)
Marilyn Butler (1)
Steve Kreischer (2)
Sue Skelton (2)
Monette Wetzel (2)
Shirley Dibble (3)
Martha Cole (4)
Michael Coleman (4)
Mai Pauley (5)
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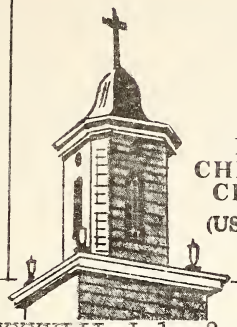

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JULY 5
7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast
SUNDAY, JULY 6
8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
TUESDAY, JULY 8
7:30 P.M. BOARD OF DIACONATE
THURSDAY, JULY 10
9:30 A.M. Edge of Adventure

PANTRY NEEDS: CEREAL, PEANUT BUTTER, POWDERED MILK

CALENDAR THESE MEETINGS--

BOARD OF DIACONATE - Tuesday, July 8, 7:30 P.M.
WORSHIP & PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE - Tuesday, July 22, 7:30 P.M.
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE - Thursday, July 24, 7:30 P.M.
REFUGEE COORDINATING COMMITTEE - Monday, July 28, 7:30 P.M.
BOARD OF ELDERS - Tuesday, July 29, 7:30 P.M.
EVANGELISM COMMITTEE - Monday, August 11, 7:30 P.M.

CELEBRATING FAITH AND NATION

Our worship hours on Sunday will focus upon our heritage of this July 4th weekend--freedom, faith, God, and nation. Join with others in praising God! Bring family, guests and other visitors with you!

The sermon by Dr. Cline is entitled, UNITING FAITH, FREEDOM AND RESPONSIBILITY. Background texts include: Proverbs 14; Deuteronomy 8; Galatians 5 & 6; Matthew 6, 16, and 22.

Glen Lebrecht, Music Director of Christ United Methodist Church, will be playing a violin solo both hours. David Small of the Saturn Church will sing "Behold the Man" during our later worship hour.

Come and worship in the comfort of our air conditioning and in praise and dedication to the living God!

SPECIAL STUDY BEGINNING

"UNBOUNDED LOVE" - a nine week study of personal faith will be led by Dr. Cline during Church School in July and August in Fellowship Hall. This study is open to any participants for the 9 weeks. It utilizes a study book, UNBOUNDED LOVE - GOD AND MAN IN PROCESS written by Norman Pittenger. COME THIS SUNDAY TO START THE SERIES.

SERVING JULY 6

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Robert Johnson and Charles Ludwig

10:45 A.M. Ben Taylor and William Johnson

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. A. Lee-SW, M. Hutchinson-NW, D. Church, S. Watson

10:45 A.M. T. Harter-SW, P. Mullen-SW, H. Stevenson-SE, J. Jump-NE, J. Stucky, M. Mullen. L. York, R. Flickinger

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, D. Pomeroy

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson, G. Bozarth, B. Wyant, S. Hall

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. G. Bruckman - W. Bowen
M. Hartman - A. Lee
R. Church - G. Davis
B. Leversee -E. Brown

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Bev Hendricks & Richard Johnson

NURSERY WORKERS

10:45 A.M. B. & N. Wyant

EXTENDED SESSION

NUR. II - B. Busse
NUR. III - J. Ott & K. Rogers
K-1 - J. & P. Bickel

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

The Ralph Church family

GIVING COUNTERS

Ron Flickinger & Herb Banet

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: M104 Mrs. Emma Phillips
CAYLOR-NICKEL (Bluffton)
Mr. Robert Hendricks

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH

To Rev. Ron and Deb Connerly, a son, Scott Allen, on 6/27/80 in Barberton, Ohio. Maternal grandparents are Ed and Sue Allen.

RESPONSE TO INVITATION:

EARL STEARNS, 4714 S. Calhoun, 07, identified with us in reaffirmation of faith and transfer from the Bible Baptist Church of the city. He thus joins his wife, Dawn, who made a commitment a week ago. He is a tool and dye maker and is currently employed at ITT. Earlier he graduated from Heritage High School and attended Fort Wayne Bible College. He has a young daughter living in Ohio. We welcome this couple into our fellowship!

THANK YOU NOTES:

Amelia E. Dare and her family wish to express their thanks for the many cards, prayers, flowers visitations and get well wishes extended to Amelia during her hospital sojourn. Especially appreciated were the church services and communion brought to her while in the hospital. With God's help and the encouragement of many church friends, Amelia is on the road to recovery and expects to be back in church soon.

Sincerely,
Amelia E. Dare and family

Love and prayers to all my church friends that were so close to me in prayers and so many kind thoughts thru sending cards. We don't realize how much it all means to us until we have had such experiences.

Thanks to all,
Ardith Wrisk

ADDITIONAL YOUTH TO CAMP - Rick Baugher is going to CYF Conference at Barbee July 27-August 2.

ASSOCIATE PASTOR CALLED BY BOARD AND CONGREGATION

Sunday, the congregation cast a unanimous vote of 145 votes to approve hiring Gary Nunnally following unanimous action of the Search Committee and Board of Trustees for his calling. He will begin on September 1, 1980 following his graduation from Brite Divinity School of Texas Christian University and Ordination during August.

Various lay leaders were confirmed by Board and Congregation action:
CHAIRPERSONS: Pat Mullen, Membership until June 30, 1981; William Franklin, Stewardship-Finance until June 30, 1981
ELDERS: Emeritus - Eugene Klepfer; Sam Hayes until June 30, 1985
BOARD OF DIACONATE: Karen Flickinger & Julia Hendricks until June 30, 1985; Jo Franklin until June 30, 1984; Ken Crawford until June 30, 1983; Mike Mullen until June 30, 1982; and Karen Rogers until June 30, 1981.
REPRESENTATIVES TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Jeff Young - Deacon Representative until June 30, 1981; Jo Franklin, Deaconess Representative until June 30, 1981.

The Board received with regret and with a word of appreciation for services rendered the regignation of Maurice and Avis Thompson as Interim Associate Pastors. From the beginning they had planned a trip to Washington State during July for the wedding of a daughter and a visit from the second daughter who lives in Brazil. On August 1, he will begin work as the Interim Senior Pastor of First Christian Church in Frankfort, Indiana. His new job only lost them to our services for a month. We wish them God's blessing in their further work!

AND NOW, FINAL THOUGHTS FROM THE THOMPSONS. . .

At the conclusion of our short but most enjoyable interim associate ministries with you, we want to say again some of the things we have said before, that you may perfectly understand our deep esteem and love for each of you and your church. You may be somewhat like the father who grew bored reading the same book to his little boy each night, and tried a different one. The child objected: "What did you bring that book I don't want to be read to out of up for?" And the father said, "Now, son, say that again!"

Let us say again how grateful we are for the rare opportunity of being associated with you in service and fellowship and worship during these last two and a half months. Again and again you have demonatrated to us, and we are sure, to yourselves, that Henry Drummond was right when he called love "The Greatest Thing in the World." In First Christian we have found a people whose love expresses itself in caring and sharing, within the church family and the ever expanding community. It is to this that our Lord called us.

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FROM THE THOMPSONS (from page three)

Further, in going in and out among you, we have found an unusally low profile of negative criticism. Really, you have no "problems"--just people, and the normal variety of temperament, thought and action. Then, too, we very clearly detect the strong appreciation and respect for the leadership of the church, both professional and lay.

Finally, words are inadequate to express our heartfelt thanks for being fellow-workers with such a fine and devoted senior pastor as Harold, and his efficient staff, and the many committed lay leaders and workers among you. Great days await you, as you go forward in the Spirit and Name of our Lord Jesus Christ! May His blessings be yours, forever!

Maurice and Avis

THANKS FOR LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

Several persons have completed terms of responsibility as of June 30 for whom we are very grateful for their dedication expressed in leadership and service.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEMBERS:

Jack Weicker - Vice Moderator; Earl Plummer - Chairman of Lay Personnel Rosemary Krull - Co-Chairwoman of Outreach & Service; Mark Akers & Delores Keebortz - Co-Chairpersons of Board of Diaconate; Representatives - Bert Leversee of Elders, Sam Hayes of Deacons; Sue Allen & Eunice Conrad of Deaconesses; and Mary Lou Hartzler of the Congregation.

OFF ON ROTATION ARE: ELDERS - Robert Rayl & Jack Weicker; BOARD OF DIACONATE MEMBERS: Sue Allen, Peg Buskirk, Eunice Conrad, Clint Crowe, Max Finkhousen, Jeff Johnson Eileen Klepfer, Kenneth Place, Schellie Schell and Kenneth Taylor.

As we have now hired an Associate Pastor, our Search Committee comes to an end of many meetings over 11 months, six interviews, several trips, and much time. Thanks to Jack Weicker, Mildred Hartman, Barbara Short, Karen Flickinger, Jaynie Jenkins, Dean Widler, Jerry Zimmerman, and Jack Bickel.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER
JULY 6 - 12, 1980

Richard Johnson (6)
Miles Zimmerman (6)
Louis Chasar (7)
Glenna Smith (7)
George Ludwig (8)
Lola Miller (8)
Mary Louise Howell (8)
David Griggs (9)
David Kreischer (9)
Connie Knight (10)
Sandra Meadows (10)
Esther Clipp (11)
Mary Anne Heiney (11)
Bob Johnson (11)
Nancy Harter (11)
Jeff Johnson (12)
Laurell Cole (12)
Ralph Keller (12)
Judith Markley (12)
David Pence (12)

OVERSEAS STAFF: Dary & Carol Burkhalter - England

JUNE AVERAGES:

Worship	238
Church School	127
Through-the-week ed.	16
Budget Giving	$2,760.81

ADDITIONS DURING JUNE: *Virginia Parker, Elizabeth Dull, Earl & Dawn Stearns*

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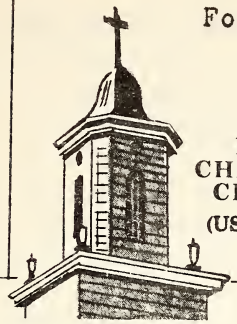

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JULY 12
3:00 P.M. CUC'S CLASS SWIM & POTLUCK PICNIC AT CLINES

SUNDAY, JULY 13
8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
1:00 P.M. HARMONY CLASS SWIM & POTLUCK PICNIC AT CLINES
6:00 P.M. Chi Rho

MONDAY, JULY 14
1:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild, Mildred Hartman 422 W. Oakdale
6:00 P.M. CYF dinner

TUESDAY, JULY 15
7:30 P.M. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

THURSDAY, JULY 17
9:30 A.M. Edge of Adventure

PANTRY NEEDS: POWDERED MILK, PEANUT BUTTER, CANNED VEGETABLES

SONSHINE - A YOUTH SINGING GROUP
PASTOR ROGER K. GUY PREACHING
AUGUST 7-10, 1980
8:00 P.M. Weeknights - both hours, Sunday morning August 10
(We are hosting 39 youth and the pastor of the Park Avenue Christian Church in Des Moines.)
MARK CALENDARS NOW! INVITE!!!

DISCIPLINES OF DISCIPLESHIP

Jogging, walking, or other physical exercise is followed with discipline by an increasing number in our society for physical health. Medicine is talking of preventative health care. Just as there are disciplines in physical or mental health, so there are basic disciplines in Christian discipleship.

These disciplines of worship, giving, Bible readings, prayer, study, groups, and accountability will be focused in the sermons for these coming Sundays of July:

13 - "HONORING THE LORD" Ps. 96: 1-9; Mal. 3:8-10; Luke 4:16-19; 32-40; Acts 4:32-5:11.

20 - "CENTERING IN GOD" Ps. 42, 43, 46:10, 119:97-105.

27 - "GROWING IN COMMUNITY" Acts 1:1-26; 15:1-35; Eph. 4:1-32.

We rejoiced in the special music of last Sunday - Glenn Lebrecht, violinist; Barbara Houser, organist Don Parlette, trumpet player; and David Small accompanied by Susie Small, soloist. Our Virginia Johnson is soloist for both hours this Sunday with Jerry Zimmerman back at the organ console.

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY!

SERVING JULY 13

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Mildred Hartman and William Franklin

10:45 A.M. Barbara Short and Dean Widler

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. E. Brown-SW, B. Schilling-NW, J. Hendricks, C. Olson

10:45 A.M. B. Hendricks-SW, J. Bickel-NW, B. Mettler-SE, M. Callahan-NE, W. Bowen, M. Tobias, P. Mullen, M. Mullen

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, E. Snouffer

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson, R. Jackson, B. Kerley, R. Hunt

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Bev Hendricks & Richard Johnson

NURSERY WORKERS

10:45 A.M. M. & S. Callahan

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NUR. III - G. & R. Hosfield

K-1 - J. & P. Bickel

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

George & Sara Davis

GIVING COUNTERS

Ron Flickinger & Herb Banet

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: 864 - Mr. Harley Morphew
438 - John Stucky
597 - Mrs. Dessie Buchman
M223 - Mrs. Mary McCarthy

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS:

Please report to the church office by no later than Sunday, July 13 your response on committee members.

SWIM & PICNICS AT CLINES

Potlucks are planned for the remaining adult classes for class members and families. Bring food. Drinks and table service are furnished. All who desire are invited to swim.

CHRISTIANS UNDER CONSTRUCTION - Saturday, July 12 at 3:00 P.M. - Evening Meal.

HARMONY CLASS - Sunday, July 13 at 1:00 P.M. - Noon Meal.

YOUNG COUPLES CLASS - Saturday, July 19 at 3:00 P.M. - Evening Meal.

Y.E.S. GROUP - Sunday, July 20 at 1:00 P.M. - Noon Meal.

D.M.A. GROUP - 12:00 Noon on Tuesday, July 22.

The address is 5705 Fernwood, just south of Sand Point a couple blocks east of Ardmore.

HELP WANTED

Do we have an older youth or adult who would like to donate some time for the church one Sunday a month in opening and locking the building on Sunday mornings and noon? If so, contact the church office!

Do we have someone who would be willing to do the custodial work during the vacation of Fred Woodward-July 21 to August 3? If interested, call the church office.

DESIGNATED GIVING FUNDS:

REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP FUND - $546

MINI-BUS FUND - $3,600.66

Persons interested in supporting either fund should do so and clearly mark for which.

BIBLE SCHOOL ADVENTURES

Our Summer Activity for Children is slated for July 28 through August 21. It will be on an age-level basis including Bible Study, singing, crafts, recreation and a field trip.

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GRADES 4 & 5 - THURSDAYS, July 31 & August 7, 14 & 21 from 9:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M.--Bring a sack lunch--those who completed grades 4 and 5 this past school term. Teachers: Connie & Vincent Wells.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE: Sherri Crawford, Diane Mory, Betty Grimm, Lea Jackson, Barb Short, Laura Peter.

Plan now for children of our homes and neighbors and any who might be enlisted! The whole Church is called on to enlist the participation of children whom you know or can invite or can bring. Each day is a single unit so children should feel free to come to only one day if that is all they have available. The best is to come for all four days for your age level.

Register anytime by calling the church office.

D.M.A. NIGHTS TO WAGON WHEEL

Couples, widows, widowers, retirees--any 55 or over are invited to sign up for one or both nights at the Wagon Wheel Playhouse in Warsaw. Cost is $9 per person for the combined bus fare and play ticket.

Tuesday, August 12 - FIDDLER ON THE ROOF by Jerry Bock and Sheldon Harnick. The story of poor Tevye, the milkman with all those marriageable daughters, and his village Anatevka, where there is a "tradition" for everything.

Tuesday, August 26 - SHENAHDOAH by Gary Geld and Peter Udell. Set in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia during the Civil War, "Shenandoah" is an old-fashioned tuneful charmer, carefully crafted for the entire family. You'll be humming the tunes for months to come.

We leave the parking lot at 6:30 P.M. both nights. If any singles need transportation either or both directions or someone to accompany them home, call the church office.

We need reservations and payment as soon as possible. The church must pay in full two weeks in advance for both. We currently have 16 reservations for August 12 and 14 for August 26.

DAILY PRAYER TIME

Any member or friend of First Christian is invited at 9:00 A.M. daily except Sunday to the Library-Room 130 for DAILY PRAYER CELL. Persons are invited to call or write special prayer requests of celebration, need, or concern. A part of the prayer time is intercessory prayer for members on their birthday and others of our hospital or special care persons. This prayer time means that office phones will be on busy from 9:00 to 9:15 A.M. We believe that prayer is a center for the church. You are invited to come and participate any day! You are invited to give input for prayer!

CONCERN FOR PARTICIPATION!

We are in the summer months--yet we need persons to be faithful in worship and study! Vacation time does give opportunities to travel and visit other churches. We do need to be present so that the life of our congregation goes forward with witness and impact for newcomers as well as for all of us. Participate regularly in worship!

Here is the participation among the 208 in worship last Sunday:

Board of Trustees - 22 of 32: 68.8%
Board of Elders - 16 of 26: 61.5%
Board of Diaconate - 20 of 40: 50%
Participating Members - 144 of 542: 26.6%

Join in the expression that God is first in life by regular worship whenever you are in the Fort Wayne community!

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Our 1980-81 Board of Trustees will have its first meeting on Tuesday, July 15 at 7:30 P.M. Included on the Board are: OFFICERS: Andrew Cook, Ralph Church, Carolyn Falbe, Ronald Flickinger, George Davis; CHAIRMEN/CHAIRWOMEN: Barbara Short, Judy Church, Barbara Johnson, Pam Bickel, Richark Johnson, Laura York Bill Franklin, Merle Grimm, Pat Mullen, George Bruckman, Mildred Hartman. REPRESENTATIVES: Bill Johnson, Chip Olson, Monty Tobias Val Taylor, Nena Lucas, Barbara Finkhousen, Genevieve Ripple, Rolland Ripple, Ben Taylor, Jack Bickel, Jefferson Young, Mildred Hutchinson, Jo Franklin, Nila Schilling, Jerry Zimmerman, STAFF: Harold Cline, Laura Peter.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER
JULY 13-19, 1980

Ina Smith (14)
Darvin Tomes (14)
Cecil Rice (14)
John Steigerwald (15)
Max Geiselman (16)
Thelma Swift (17)
Donald Johnson (17)
George R. Davis (18)
Greg Allen (19)
OVERSEAS STAFF: Dary & Carol Burkhalter

JENKINS FAMILY TO TENNESSEE

Ed and Rose Jenkins, Eric, Heather and Chris moved on July 1 because of the job of Ed with Magnavox. Their new address and phone is:

5012 Beverly Rd.
Knoxville, TN 37918
615-688-5910

We wish them God's blessing in their new location!

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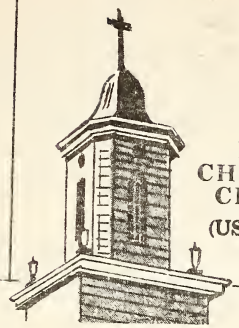

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JULY 19
7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast
3:00 P.M. Young Couple's Class to Clines

SUNDAY, JULY 20
8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
1:00 P.M. Y.E.S. Group to Clines
7:00 P.M. DSF to West Creighton Christian Church

TUESDAY, JULY 22
12:00 Noon - D.M.A. to Clines
7:30 P.M. Worship & Pastoral Relations Committee

THURSDAY, JULY 24
9:30 A.M. Edge of Adventure
7:30 P.M. Membership Committee

PANTRY NEEDS: CEREAL, P-NUT BUTTER POWDERED MILK, CANNED FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

LET US
RUN
WITH
DETERMINATION
THE RACE
THAT LIES
BEFORE US.
LET US
KEEP OUR EYES
ON JESUS,
ON WHOM
OUR FAITH
DEPENDS
FROM BEGINNING
TO END.

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A DEFINITION OF WHOLENESS

Becoming whole does not mean being perfect, but being completed.

It does not mean happiness, but growth.

It is often painful, but, fortunately, it is never boring.

It is not getting out of life what we think we want, but is the development and purification of the soul.

-- John Sanford

(above from ALIVE NOW July/Aug 79)

SERVING JULY 20

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Rolland Ripple and Ralph Church

10:45 A.M. Bert Leversee and Glenn Miller

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. R. Johnson-SW, D. Church-NW, A. Lee, J. Franklin

10:45 A.M. L. York-SW, K. Crawford-NW, N. Lucas-SE, K. Rogers-NE, T. Harter, J. Bickel, R. Flickinger, G. Falbe

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith T. Briggs

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson, G. Hosfield, J. Hudlow, S. Johnson

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. J. Church - B. Grimm
R. Johnson - S. Grimm
C. Ludwig -
J. Wiley - R. Johnson

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Anne Lee & Pat Mullen

NURSERY WORKERS

10:45 A.M. B. Glasgow & K. Byers

EXTENDED SESSION

NUR. II - B. Busse
NUR. III - J. Ott & K. Rogers
K-1 - S. & G. Davis

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Jim & Leesa Jump

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: 578 Mrs. Lillian Scott
697 - Mrs. Dessie Buchman
M223 - Mrs. Mary McCarthy
ST. JOSEPH: 504 Mrs. Jane Harts
429 - Mr. Arza Smith
403 - Mrs. Genevieve Ripple
PARKVIEW: S108 Mrs. Mary Wilhelm

MOVED TO ST. ANNE HOME:

Mr. Harley Morphew is now a patient at St. Anne Home in room 323.

SWIM & PICNICS AT CLINES:

Potlucks are planned for the remaining two adult classes and the D.M.A. Bring food. Table service and drinks and rolls are furnished. All who desire may join in swimming.

YOUNG COUPLES CLASS & families: Saturday, July 19, 3:00 P.M. Evening Meal.

Y.E.S. GROUP - Sunday, July 20 at 1:00 P.M. Noon Meal.

D.M.A. - 12:00 Noon on Tuesday, July 22.

The address is 5705 Fernwood --just south of Sand Point and east of Ardmore.

WORSHIP PARTICIPATION - July 13

Participate regularly in the worship life of the congregation. Here is the record among the 215 in worship last Sunday:

Board of Trustees - 26 of 32: 81%
Board of Elders - 14 of 26:54%
Board of Diaconate - 25 of 40: 63%
Participating Members - 163 of 542: 30%

Join in the expression that God is first in life by regular worship whenever you are in the community!

DEATH OF MEMBER:

George J. King, a member baptized in 1933, on July 12, 1980. Sympathy is extended to his son, Norman, and family.

DESIGNATED GIVING FUNDS:

Designated gifts clearly marked are being received and added to the following funds:

REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP - $586.
MINI-BUS - $3,601.32

B_I_B_L_E S_C_H_O_O_L A_D_V_E_N_T_U_R_E_S

SPECIAL SUMMER ACTIVITY FOR CHILDREN -- JULY 28 THROUGH AUGUST 21

ONE DAY PER WEEK FOR EACH AGE LEVEL - PRE-KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 5th GRADE

From July 28 through August 21 on each day as listed below children will have the opportunity to share in a unique Summer Bible School experience. One day a week is devoted to each age level. Each week's study and activities will be a unit in itself. Children are urged to attend all four weeks for the maximum experience. However, if schedule does not permit this, attending one or two or three weeks only is permissable. Note as nearly as possible the number of weeks planning to attend. Each age level will be taking a field trip. Pre-Kindergarten will be going to Foster Park. K-1 will be going to Seyfret's for a tour on August 5. Grades 2-3 will be going to the Fire Station on South Anthony for a tour and talk with EMS technicians. Grades 4-5 will tour the Old Fort on August 7. Each day will include Worship, Singing, Bible Study, crafts, recreation, films. Please note the three older groups need to bring a sack lunch. Drinks and mid-morning and mid-afternoon snacks will be provided. An OPEN HOUSE is planned for Thursday, August 21 at 7:30 P.M.

MONDAYS - PRE-KINDERGARTEN (those in public school kindergarten in fall of 1980 or 81) 9:30 A.M. - 12:00 Noon, July 28, August 4, 11, & 18.
Teachers: Pam Bickel & Barb Johnson

TUESDAYS - K-1 (those who have finished Kindergarten or 1st Grade)
9:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M., July 29, August 6, 13 & 20.
Teachers: Marge Lehman & Joan Ott

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9:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M., July 30, August 6, 13 & 20
Teachers: Virginia Johnson & Laverne Hunt

THURSDAYS - GRADES 4-5 (those who have finished grades 4 or 5)
9:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M., July 31, August 7, 14, & 21
Teachers: Connie & Vincent Wells

OPEN TO ANY CHILD---INVITE FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS---REGISTER AT CHURCH

NAME _____ AGE LEVEL _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

NUMBER OF WEEKS PLANNING TO ATTEND:

____1st WEEK; ____ 2nd WEEK: ____ 3rd WEEK: ____ 4th WEEK

NAME OF PARENT: _____

D.M.A. - JULY & AUGUST

The group will be at the Clines next Tuesday the 22nd at noon for a Potluck meal.

Reservations are being received for the two Wagon Wheel performances during August, namely August 12 for FIDDLER ON THE ROOF and August 26 for SHENANDOAH. $9 per person for bus and ticket. Rides can be arranged for widows needing transportation or someone to check safety on way home. As of the 14th, we had 22 reservations for August 12 and 23 reservations for August 26--we need a full load of 46 for each night! If you fit any of these categories, you are invited: over 55 and a couple, widow, widower, single or retiree.

TITHING IS:

Giving 10% of personal income -- salary, wages, investments -- off the top to God through the church and fulfilling other gifts as a responsible partner with God above the tithe.

THE PURPOSE OF TITHING IS TO secure

-- not the tithe but the tither;
-- not the gift but the giver;
-- not the possession but the possessor;
-- not your money but YOU FOR GOD!

TITHING CAN MAKE YOU A NEW PERSON!

Start this week!

IMPORTANT COMING DATES:

AUGUST 7, 8, 9, 10 - HOSTING SON-SHINE SINGERS & PASTOR ROGER GUY

SEPTEMBER 7 - PROMOTION SUNDAY IN CHURCH SCHOOL
INSTALLATION OF BOARDS DURING WORSHIPS - 100% Attendance Goal

SEPTEMBER 20 - CHURCH PICNIC

DISCIPLES SINGLE FELLOWSHIP

All post-hi singles are invited this Sunday evening, July 20, at 7:00 P.M. for a study and fellowship meeting at West Creighton Christian.

Then the group is meeting from 12:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. on Saturday the 26th at "Kaufman Woods" - just south and east of Saturn Church. On deck is a potluck at 1:00, relating, recreation, soft ball, vollyball, swimming, a light supper and a bonfire with singing. Contact Laura Peter, Carol Cline, or Ken Taylor if you can make this event. Cars will leave from the church at 12:00 or the Clines at 12:10 or Rogers at Time Corners at 12:15 in order to pool rides.

$1 is being charged towards drink and meat. First Christian persons are to take desserts for the pot luck, table service, blanket for campfire, ball glove and frisbee, and swim suit.

A full announcement is in the Y.E.S. Group class room

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER
JULY 20-26, 1980

Warren Webster (21)
Jane (Weicker) Hahn (22)
Tom Harter (22)
Mary Wilhelm (23)
Cora McKinney (23)
Forrest Smith (24)
Edith Roush (24)
James Lesher (25)
Marianne Howard (25)
Woodie Klepfer (26)
Sue Kiger (26)
Eric Zimmerman (26)
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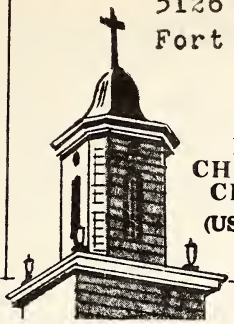

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BIBLE SCHOOL ADVENTURES

This special Summer Activity for Children begins Monday, July 28. Classes will meet one day per week for four weeks on the schedule as follows. Each day's study and related activities is a unit in itself. We would like children to be able to attend all four sessions, but may attend fewer than that if necessary.

MONDAYS-PRE-KINDERGARTEN (those children who will enter school kindergarten in the fall of 1980 and 1981) from 9:30 A.M. to 12:00 noon on July 28, August 4, 11 & 18. Teachers: Pam Bickel & Barb Johnson.

TUESDAYS-KINDERGARTEN-1st GRADE (those children who completed kindergarten and 1st grade this school term) from 9:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. on July 29, August 5, 12, & 19. Teachers: Marge Lehman & Joan Ott. Helper: Sherri Melchi. (bring sack lunch)

WEDNESDAYS-GRADES 2-3 (those children who have completed grades 2 and 3) from 9:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M., July 30, August 6, 13, & 20. Teachers: Virginia Johnson & Laverne Hunt. (bring sack lunch)

THURSDAYS-GRADES 4-5 (those who have completed grades 4 and 5) from 9:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. July 31, August 7, 14, & 21. Teachers: Connie & Vincent Wells. (bring sack lunch)

Laura Peter is the Craft Resource Person and Diane Mory and Sara Davis will work with music. Each class session will include worship, music, study, crafts, films, recreation and each group will take a field trip. Pre-Kindergarten will be going to Foster Park; K-1 will go for a tour of Seyfret's; Grades 2-3 will tour a fire station and talk with EMS technicians; Grades 4-5 will visit the Old Fort.

Please use the registration form on page four of this issue of TIDINGS or call the church office to register your child. Friends and neighbors are also most welcome!

An OPEN HOUSE for parents is planned for Thursday evening, August 21. Recognition will be given for perfect attendance. The offering that is received during the school will go to the Refugee Fund.

SERVING JULY 27

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. George Bruckman and William Caldwell

10:45 A.M. Janet Weicker and Mark Akers

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Young-SW, J. Franklin-NW, T. Sauerwein, S. Watson

10:45 A.M. V. Taylor-SW, K. Flickinger-NW, P. Mullen-SE, B. Grimm-NE, J. Briggs, G. Davis, J. Jump, H. Stevenson

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, T. & T. Evans

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson, J. Glasgow, S. White, T. York

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Anne Lee & Pat Mullen

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

The Merle Grimm Family

NURSERY WORKERS

10:45 A.M. C. Falbe & E. Zimmerman

EXTENDED SESSION

NUR. II - B. Glasgow

NUR. III - J. Ott & K. Rogers

K-1 - G. & S. Davis

GIVING COUNTERS

Ron Flickinger & Herb Banet

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: 697 Mrs. Dessie Buchman

ST. JOSEPH: 504 - Mrs. Jane Harts

429 - Mr. Arza Smith

403 - Mrs. Genevieve Ripple

PARKVIEW: 225 - Mrs. Lois Coleman

S108 - Mrs. Mary Wilhelm

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH:

To Mark and Cindy Akers, a son, Michael Patrick on 7/17. Maternal grandparents are Al and Elizabeth Pattengale.

WORSHIP PARTICIPATION - JULY 20

We jumped in our worship on Sunday with 251 in worship. Here is the record of that number:

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: 27 of 32: 84%

BOARD OF ELDERS: 17 of 26: 65%

BOARD OF DIACONATE: 28 of 40: 70%

PARTICIPATING MEMBERS - 176 of 542: 32%

Join us on the final Sunday of July - Soloist: Diane Mory, Sermon - "GROWING IN COMMUNITY" based on Acts 1:1-26; 2:42-27; 15:1-35 Ephesians 4:1-32. This is the third of a triad of sermons on DISCIPLINES OF DISCIPLESHIP.

DESIGNATED GIVING FUNDS

Gifts clearly marked are received anytime for:

REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP - ¢646

MINI-BUS FUND - $3,601.32

FUNERAL OF MEMBER

Mrs. Lillian Scott on July 18, 1980. Mrs. Scott had been a member for 61 years and was organist for 43 years - from 1925 to 1968. Sympathy is extended to her two daughters, Jean and Gayle, and their families.

CHI RHO

The Chi Rho Fellowship will meet this Sunday at 6:00 P.M. at the church. This is a very important meeting for those going on the trip in August.

SIGNIFICANT ACTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES - July 15, 1980

Present were 28 of 32 members plus two guests. The other four members had called in regrets because of hospitalization or other items. This 100% present or accounted-for was an excellent start for the first meeting of the new Board.

Upon recommendation of the Property Committee, approval was given to rent Fellowship Hall and two classrooms for a trial basis of one month to the Fellowship Bible Church. Approval was also given for a Sunday Evening Film Series at 7:00 P.M., September 28 to November 9 utilizing "FOCUS ON THE FAMILY" by Dr. James Dobson.

The Refugee Sponsorship Task Force reported intentions to apply for a family as of August 15 in order to become involved in this ministry of aiding a family make adjustments and find a new start in our community. Help of many kinds will be needed to facilitate this effort.

Resignation letters were accepted with regret from Beverly Hendricks as a deaconess and Sara Davis as Director of Music as of August 31, 1980. The latter resignation was stated: *"Because of my desire to concentrate more heavily in my school work at IU-Purdue and because of my need to spend more time with my family, I hereby tender my resignation as Music Director of First Christian Church."*

COMING BOARD MEETINGS WERE SET: Sept. 9, Oct. 7, Nov. 4, Dec. 9, Jan. 6, Feb. 3, March 3, Apr. 7, May 5 and June 9. Congregational Dinner Meetings were set for Nov. 30 and May 17.

Assignments were made for the SONSHINE YOUTH CHOIR and Roger Guy of Park Avenue Christian Church of Des Moines, Iowa to be with us August 7-10 -- in the evenings at 8:00 P.M. and Sunday morning at 8:15 and 10:45 A.M.

Enlistment of Hosting Homes - Worship & Pastoral Relations
Enlistment of Participation & Promotion - Evangelism
Activities with Youth - Education, YES Group, CYF & Chi Rho & Staff
Meals (Thursday evening and Sunday noon) - Membership

Much future calendar especially for the coming six months was announced along with a presentation by Dr. Cline of his dreams for the congregation.

September 7 at 8:15 and 10:45 was announced for installation of our Boards of Trustees, Elders and Diaconate. We are expecting 100% participation of our leadership on that Sunday.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, July 26

12:30 P.M. DSF Picnic and Swim at Kaufman's Woods

SUNDAY, July 27

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
6:00 P.M. Chi Rho

MONDAY, July 28

9:30 A.M. Pre-Kindergarten BSA
6:30 P.M. CYF
7:30 P.M. Refugee Committee
7:30 P.M. Christian Education Committee

TUESDAY, July 29

9:30 A.M. K-1 BSA
7:30 P.M. Board of Elders

WEDNESDAY, July 30

9:30 A.M. Grades 2-3 BSA

THURSDAY, July 31

9:30 A.M. Grades 4-5 BSA

PANTRY NEEDS: POWDERED MILK, SOUP, CANNED VEGETABLES, CEREAL, Plastic cottage cheese or whipped cream containers, small jars 12 oz or 18 oz

TRIPS TO WAGON WHEEL PLAYHOUSE

Reservations are needed NOW for any over 55 - retirees, singles or couples, widows or widowers - to go with the D.M.A. for one or both nights at the Wagon Wheel Playhouse in Warsaw. Special transportation will be provided for any needing it or need the security of someone accompanying them home after we return. The busses will leave at 6:30 P.M. from our parking lot. Cost is $9 per person for the bus and the ticket. August 12 is FIDDLER ON THE ROOF and August 26 is SHENANDOAH -- join the other 24 who are signed up for August 12 and the 23 who are going August 26.

SONSHINE YOUTH CHOIR and Pastor ROGER GUY here AUGUST 7, 8, 9, & 10 for concerts and preaching each evening at 8:00 P.M. and Sunday morning at 8:15 & 10:45.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER - JULY 27 - AUGUST 2, 1980

Paul Girdner (27) Carol Cline (29) Robin Hosfield (1)
Mark Pontius (27) Lucile Welch (29) Dick Mory (1)
Lee Crowell (27) Delmas Young (30) Margaret Snouffer (1)
Ruth Neal (27) Bonnie Evans (30) Mary Lou Hartzler (1)
Kevin Bozarth (28) Wilberta Edington (31) Wanda Howell (1)
James Brickley (29) Carl Smith (31) Sue Ann Ludwig (1)
Glenn Miller (1) Dorothy Morris (1)

OVERSEAS STAFF: Dary and Carol Burkhalter

NAME_____ AGE LEVEL_____

ADDRESS_____ PHONE_____

Number of Weeks planning to attend:

____1st Week; ____2nd Week; ____3rd Week; ____ 4th Week

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SONSHINE YOUTH SINGERS! ROGER GUY PREACHING! MAJOR FAITH EVENT COMING!

Important August days are coming to our church community--August 7 through 10. We are hosting 35 persons from Park Avenue Christian Church of Des Moines, Iowa, for music and preaching at special services; much youth time person-to-person; and guests in our homes.

All can be inviting to the services at 8:00 P.M. nightly, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, and then both worship hours on Sunday morning the 10th.

WHY SUCH AN EVENT IN AUGUST?

Rev. James Wright, senior pastor of Hillside Christian Church, Kansas City, Missouri, wrote the following statement in his church paper in August, 1978 after a four night visit of Pastor Guy and Sonshine. *"When we first considered the possibility of a visit of Sonshine and Roger Guy, there was considerable feeling that we should not undertake a four night (really four full days) Preaching Mission and Youth Adventure in the middle of August. We need to learn to think more positively, for the only comment I heard last week was that it was too bad it could not go on all week. These wonderful visitors blessed us all as they ministered in the name of our Lord. It was great!"*

WHO ARE THE SONSHINE SINGERS?

SONSHINE, is a group of 33 youths (5 college, 25 high schoolers, and 3 eighth graders) from Park Avenue Christian Church, Des Moines, Iowa. They have put together a commitment of time for Bible Study, discipline, singing and fellowship on a weekly basis to praise the Lord. God has used them for a blessing in congregations and the group was invited to sing for the consecration service of the inauguration of Governor Robert Ray in January of 1979.

(continued on page three)

SERVING AUGUST 3

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Rolland Ripple and Mark Snyder

10:45 A.M. Dean Widler and Joe Wiley

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USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, D. Pomeroy

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson, G. Bozarth, B. Wyant, S. Hall

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. G. Miller - P. Yentes
C. Rice - H. Stevenson
M. Snyder - J. Bickel
J. Weicker - B. Mettler

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Mildred Hutchinson & Karen Rogers

NURSERY WORKERS

10:45 A.M. N. Lucas, T. York, Julie Briggs

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Vince & Connie Wells

GIVING COUNTERS

Bert Leversee & Mildred Hutchinson

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: 697 Mrs. Dessie Buchman
ST. JOSEPH: 403 Mrs. Genevieve Ripple

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH

To Charles and Mary Lou Snouffer, a son, Michael Alan on 7/26. Earl & Margaret Snouffer are paternal grandparents.

WORSHIP PARTICIPATION - JULY 27

Here is the breakdown of members among the 235 in worship Sunday:

BOARD OF TRUSTEES - 25 of 32: 78%

BOARD OF ELDERS - 12 of 26: 46%

BOARD OF DIACONATE - 24 of 40: 60%

PARTICIPATING MEMBERS - 157 of 542: 29%

CALL FOR HOUSEHOLD ARTICLES:

The Housing Sub-Group of our Refugee Task Force is asking for household items to be brought to the stage of Fellowship Hall or notification made to Pam Bickel -- 456-7496 of available items. Furniture, refrigerator, stove, and other items will be needed!

ALLENS HONORED

Ed and Sue Allen were honored at our Coffee Hour last Sunday which was their last Sunday before their move. Their new address is: Chaumont #26, 7077 E. Central, Wichita, Kansas 67206. Their phone number is 316-682-0871.

THANK YOU:

First Christian Church:

Your kindness at this time is more deeply appreciated than any word of thanks can express. Gayle and I are grateful for all your expressions of love to our mother.

Jean Frazier
Gayle Doornbos

The music of Andre' Crouch, Jeremiah People, and others is interpreted. Their itinerary includes: August 3 - Marion, Iowa; 4-6 - Noblesville, Indiana; 7-10 - here; 10-12 - Detroit; 13 - Abingdon, Illinois, and home on the 14th.

Dennis Lake, pastor of First Christian Church, Sterling, Colorado, made this comment on them after they were there in August of 1979. *"As a singing ministry, Sonshine was able to touch our hearts and spirits with their voices, smiles, and their love for Jesus Christ and for the people that follow Him. Much of Sonshine's power is to be found in their sense of community. They have worked and studies and prayed together and as a result they belong to each other. That commitment to each other and to God is what gives joy and power to their singing."*

This is the fourth summer of tours by the group. It is the second under the direction of Jeff Maguire, the Youth Director. He graduated from Northwest Christian College in 1978 and toured with singing groups during college days. The message of the group is:

"HE IS ALIVE AND I LOVE HIM!
I AM ALIVE AND HE LOVES ME!"

WHAT ABOUT ROGER GUY?

Roger is a native of Wichita, Kansas, and received a BA from Phillips and the M Div from Yale Divinity School. He has served in Sterling, Colorado from 1958-66; Poplar Bluff, Missouri from 1966-1975 and Park Avenue Christian Church in Des Moines, Iowa since December of 1975.

His sermon titles are:

AUGUST 7 - "When Jesus Had Nothing to Say"
AUGUST 8 - "The Promise of Life"
AUGUST 9 - "Lessons From a Loser"
AUGUST 10 - "Get Off the Fence and Come Alive"

WHAT IS IN STORE?

We trust and pray a rich spiritual experience. Evening Worships of special music, congregational singing, and preaching. Afterglow sessions for youth and adults on Friday nights. Daytime activities on Friday and Saturday with our youth joined with them for sharing, playing, doing, and relating.

P.S. HELP NEEDED!

The call is out for housing for the three nights and morning breakfasts -- Call the church office **NOW**!

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2
7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast
SUNDAY, AUGUST 3
8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
MONDAY, AUGUST 4
9:30 A.M. BSA - Pre-Kindergarten
6:30 P.M. CYF
TUESDAY, AUGUST 5
9:30 A.M. BSA - K-1
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6
9:30 A.M. BSA - Grades 2-3
THURSDAY, AUGUST 7
9:30 A.M. BSA - Grades 4-5

PANTRY NEEDS: PEANUT BUTTER, CEREAL, POWDERED MILK, CANNED TUNA, CANNED MEAT

IMPORTANT DATES - NEW ASSOCIATE

Our new Associate Pastor, Gary Nunnally, who begins work with us September 1 has two significant occasions in his life just ahead. He is slated to graduate from Brite Seminary, Texas Christian University on Friday, August 8 with his Master of Divinity Degree. He is to be ordained at 2:30 P.M. on Sunday, August 10, at Rosemont Christian Church in Dallas where he has been Student Associate. His current address is 2917 Princeton, #16, Fort Worth, Texas 76109. Gary and Becki expect to arrive in Fort Wayne on Monday, August 18, to complete their move.

JULY AVERAGES

Worship	227
Church School	106
Through-the-week ed.	11
Budget Giving	$3,333.66

AUGUST SERMONS - DR. CLINE

Biographical sermons will be the format of preaching during August.

AUGUST 3 - "JOB--EXPERIENCING A GREATER GOD" - Book of Job
AUGUST 10 - Roger Guy preaching
AUGUST 17 - "JAMES--CHANGING DIRECTIONS DRAMATICALLY" Mark 3:31-35; Acts 15:1-34; 21:18, I Cor. 15:7; Gal. 1:18.
AUGUST 24 - "ANDREW - INTRODUCING PERSONS TO JESUS" - John 1:35-42; 6:1-14; 12:20-26.
AUGUST 31 - "BARNABAS - STANDING UP FOR OTHERS" - Acts 4:32-37; 9:26-30; 11:18-26; 12:25-15:41.

PONDER THESE PERSONS and study these texts to make the most of worship!

OVER 55??????

Join the DMA for a musical at Wagon Wheel Playhouse either on Tuesday the 12th for FIDDLER ON THE ROOF or the 26th for SHENANDOAH". $9 covers bus and ticket per person. Join the 28 signed up for the 12th and 30 signed up for the 26th!

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER
AUGUST 3-9, 1980

Betty Olson (4)
Kathryn Eich (4)
Ethel King (6)
Ronald Elliott (8)
Elizabeth Moody (8)
Betty Briggs (9)
Linda Favory (9)
OVERSEAS STAFF: Guy & Barbara Alling
Maharashtra, India

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SPECIAL SERVICES OF MUSIC AND PREACHING!

Nightly this Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 8:00 P.M. will be a Concert by the SONSHINE Singers -- 33 youth of Park Avenue Christian Church of Des Moines and Preaching by their Senior Pastor, Roger Guy. This combined team will be leading our two worships at 8:15 and 10:45 A.M. on Sunday morning the 10th.

The call is out for every member and friend of First Christian to attend and to be inviting friends and neighbors to join in this special time of enrichment.

At the evening hours there will be a concert, some congregational singing, an offering, and the sermon by Rev. Guy. Child Care will be provided for pre-schoolers. The sermon titles are:

August 7 - Thursday - "WHEN JESUS HAD NOTHING TO SAY"
August 8 - Friday - "THE PROMISE OF LIFE"
August 9 - Saturday - "LESSONS FROM A LOSER"
August 10 - Sunday - "GET OFF THE FENCE AND COME ALIVE"

The vibrant good news - "HE IS ALIVE AND I LOVE HIM! I AM ALIVE AND HE LOVES ME" is a central concern of the efforts of our guest leaders this week! Share this good news by participating and enlarging the circle!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR YOUTH TO RELATE!

In addition to the total community services announced above, our youth of grades 8 up through the YES Group are invited and encouraged for these interpersonal times with our SONSHINE Group from Iowa.

9:30 A.M. at the church on Friday and Saturday mornings - Bible Study led by Jeff Maguire. This is a power base for these singers.

11:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M., Friday - Swimming, Volley Ball, Tennis at Clines including a noon meal - their bus will transport from church and then for a tour of the Old Fort at 3:00 P.M.

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SERVING AUGUST 10

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. William Franklin and Robert Johnson

10:45 A.M. Mark Snyder and Joe Wiley

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. B. Pauley-SW, D. Johnson-NW, D. Church

10:45 A.M. N. Lucas-SW, J. Jump-NW, M. Tobias-SE, M. Mullen-NE, V. Taylor, L. York, S. Knuckles

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, E. Snouffer

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson, R. Jackson, B. Kerley, R. Hunt

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Mildred Hutchinson & Karen Rogers

NURSERY WORKERS

10:45 A.M. B. & N. Wyant

EXTENDED SESSION

NUR. II - D. & B. Short

NUR. III - J. & B. Hudlow

K-1 - G. & C. Falbe

GIVING COUNTER

George Davis

IN HOSPITALS

PARKVIEW: 416 Mr. Glenn Edgington

ST. JOSEPH: 421 Mr. Vaughn Brickley

403 Mrs. Genevieve Ripple

LUTHERAN: 697 Mrs. Dessie Buchman

670 Mr. James Marks (son of Laura)

(Short Term: Virginia Johnson in Lutheran and Carol Cline in St. Joseph)

EXCITEMENT AT F.C.C.

AUGUST 7-10 - SONSHINE SINGERS

AUGUST 15 - REFUGEE FAMILY DUE SHORTLY!

SEPTEMBER 1 - NEW ASSOCIATE BEGINS WORK!

SPREAD THE WORD!

HELP WANTED - CHURCH MUSICIAN

Director of Music - Direct Chancel Choir and/or Bell Choir. Written resumes desired by Tuesday, August 12 in our church office.

CALLING CHI RHO

The Chi Rho will meet at 5:30 P.M. this Sunday at the church. Please bring permission slips signed by parents for the Chi Rho trip to this meeting!

SCHILLINGS TO LAFAYETTE

The William Schilling family-Bill, Nila, Bill, Beth, and Sue Ellen are now at home at:

2100 South 7th St.
Lafayette, IN 47905
317-474-4021

Bill took a job a year ago as Plant Manager for Rea Magnet and the family is completing this move this week. Bill had served as elder and on various committees. Nila had been especially active as a Church School teacher and Education Committee.

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED:

To Ralph Reynolds in the sudden death of his brother, Floyd, last week in Whitley County.

THANK YOU

"Many thanks for the cards, prayers, and visits while I was in the hospital with special appreciation to Dr. Cline and Janet Weicker."

Mary Wilhelm

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH

A son, Andrew Ross, born to Tom and Nancy Harter on 8/5/80. Paternal grandmother is Betty Harter.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH TO RELATE - SONSHINE SINGERS (from page 1)

9:00 P.M. - Friday - Youth Afterglow (adults will have one also with Roger Guy)

11:00 A.M. - 4:00 Saturday - Joint Youth Picnic at Kaufman's Woods near Saturn Church - soft ball game, swimming, hikes in woods, volley ball (Our youth are to bring desserts.)

9:30 A.M. - Sunday - Our Chi Rho, C.Y.F. and Y.E.S. Class Groups will host the SONSHINE GROUP in their various classes for study and interaction.

MAY I SHARE SOMETHING WITH YOU?

Sometimes the question is asked, "Why have special events like the Sonshine Singers?" "What difference does it make if I worship and study regularly on the Lord's Day?"

Although there are many ramifications, the central issue is the matter of relationship of God and life for each human being. Each of us must ask, "Am I in a meaningful relationship with God?" "Is it life-giving and life-fulfilling for me?" "Am I growing closer to God so that the final exit of life called death is but a fulfilling step in my adventure with God?" "Is God really 'Number 1' in my life?" "Does my relationship with God give me the commissions of life in relationship to my community and my world?" "Is it the foundation for my own life and my interrelationships with others?"

Last Sunday, my sermon based on Job's experience of finding a greater God in the course of the struggle discusses in the Old Testament book, I said these three questions were a backdrop for the story of Job:

1. *Do I understand a God big enough for my world and my life?*
2. *Do I know God directly in my own first-hand experience?*
3. *Do I have the willingness to give my all for my God?*

Yes see, what I am trying to say--do we realize that life needs God at the center. If so, it needs expression in growing vital experiences. Relationship with God is the basis of life abundant and eternal. Norman Pittinger put it this way: "...*Christianity is basically a life which is lived in relationship to the way things really go in the world -- and that means in relationship to what God is 'up to' and is accomplishing in that world.*"

Are you related to God and his ways at work in the world today?

Harold E. Cline

CHURCH CALENDAR

(NOTE: Check pages 1 & 3 of this issue for full schedule of activities for Sonshine Singers Concerts and Preaching plus activities with youth.)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10
8:15 A.M. & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship Hours
9:30 A.M. Church School
5:30 P.M. Chi Rho
MONDAY, AUGUST 11
9:30 A.M. BSA - Pre-Kindergarten
7:30 P.M. Evangelism Committee
TUESDAY, AUGUST 12
9:30 A.M. BSA - K-1
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13
9:30 A.M. BSA - Grades 2-3
THURSDAY, AUGUST 14
9:30 A.M. BSA - Grades 4-5

PANTRY NEEDS: TUNA, SOUP, POWDERED MILK, P-NUT BUTTER, MACARONI & CHEESE DINNERS

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER
AUGUST 10-16, 1980
Charline Craig (10)
Beverly Johnston (10)
Sarah Likens (10)
Alice Nulf (10)
Marilyn Snouffer (11)
John Ohneck (11)
Dennis Andres (13)
Judith Ferguson (13)
Harriett Weaver (14)
Rebecca Bowman (15)
Bruce Grimm (16)
OVERSEAS STAFF FOR PRAYER
DURING AUGUST:
Guy & Barbara Alling
(They are serving in a medical clinic in Maharashtra, India

REFUGEE FAMING COMING!

Action has been taken by the Refugee Sponsorship Task Force to receive our family about August 15--this is next week! The family is from Cambodia and at last report was being processed in Bangkok, Thailand.

Mith Samon - Father - 47
Man Saroeung - Mother - 44
Mith Neang - Daughter - 15
Mith Map - Son - 13
Mith Pov - Daughter - 7
Mith Thul - Son - 18 months

The purpose of this effort is to allow "new life" for this family as they come into our land. Our efforts are to help them become self-sufficient. Thus, we will not act as parents, but rather provide guidance and support to aid in transition to self-sufficiency and thus self-respect.

Will you help? Will you call the church office if you speak French with any fluency? Will you call if you have a lead on rental housing for six? Will you bring household items to the stage of Fellowship Hall or contact Pam Bickel - 456-7496?

Gifts are still needed--our Refugee Fund now stands at $731! These must be marked "Refugee Fund."

CALLING YOUNG AND OLD!

We have space left for the Wagon Wheel Playhouse next Tuesday. We need to fill the bus! Do you want to see "Fiddler on the Roof? $9 per person for bus and ticket. Meet at the church at 6:30 P.M. Call the church office for reservations.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15
6:00 A.M. CYF to Cedar Point
SATURDAY, AUGUST 16
7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast
SUNDAY, AUGUST 17
8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
7:00 P.M. DSF - First Christian
MONDAY, AUGUST 18
9:30 A.M. BSA - Pre-Kindergarten
TUESDAY, AUGUST 19
9:30 A.M. BSA - K-1
7:30 P.M. Lay Personnel
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20
9:30 A.M. BSA - Grades 2-3
THURSDAY, AUGUST 21
9:30 A.M. BSA - Grades 4-5
7:30 P.M. Open House - BSA

PANTRY NEEDS: POWDERED MILK, P-NUT BUTTER, CEREAL, SOUP

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Two things come through strongly in some personal interaction with the Sonshine Group from Des Moines and their pastor, Roger Guy. 1) Sonshine is very much the foundation point for one of the two worship hours of the congregation. The youth sense a ministry to worship on the year round basis and follow disciplines of study, relationship, practice, and commitment to that end. 2) Roger mentioned that the first 10 minutes of a worship hour is the period that most newcomers make a basic positive or negative reaction to a new congregation.

This challenges all of us--what commitment do we have to the regular Sunday worship of God that it becomes an attractive and growing experience for new and old alike? Are we through prayer, singing, attitudes, and self-giving allowing the first 10 minutes of worship to be electric with the Spirit of God?

One of the primary areas of ministry for every Christian is in the gathered worship of the congregation. Are we fulfilling the call of God in this ministry?

Add your life to others in these final three Sundays of the summer season where we are focusing upon New Testament personalities:

8/17 - "JAMES--CHANGING DIRECTIONS DRAMATICALLY" - Mark 3:31-35; Acts 15:1-34; 21:18, I Cor. 15:7; Gal. 1:18.

8/24 - "ANDREW - INTRODUCING PERSONS TO JESUS" - John 1:35-42; 6:1-14; 12:20-26.

8/31 - "BARNABAS - STANDING UP FOR OTHERS" - Acts 4:32-37; 9:26-30; 11:18-26; 12:25-15:41.

SERVING AUGUST 17

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Charles Ludwig and George Bruckman

10:45 A.M. William Johnson and Bert Leversee

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. E. Brown-SW, C. Olson-NW, J. Franklin, M. Busse

10:45 A.M. R. Flickinger-SW, T. Harter-NW, L. York-SE, G. Davis-NE, N. Lucas, W. Bowen, V. Taylor, H. Stevenson

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, T. Briggs

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson, G. Hosfield, J. Hudlow, S. Johnson

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Jim Jump, Ken Crawford

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. J. Church - D. Church
G. Klepfer - P. Mullen
M. Snyder - J. Stucky
D. Widler - J. Jump

NURSERY WORKERS

10:45 A.M. S. Kerley & L. Jump

EXTENDED SESSION

10:45 A.M. NUR. II - D. & B. Short
NUR. III - M. & S. Callahan
K-1 - G. & C. Falbe

IN HOSPITALS

PARKVIEW: 410 Mrs. Helen Williams
ICN Andrew Ross Harter (dismissed)
ST. JOSEPH: 421 Mr. Vaughn Brickley
403 Mrs. Genevieve Ripple
LUTHERAN: M312 Mr. Bob Hendricks
M301 Mrs. Thelma Swift
684 Mr. Jim Marks (dismissed)
697 Mrs. Dessie Buchman

FUNERAL OF MEMBER

Mr. Glen L. Edgington, a member since 1956 on 8/9/80. Sympathy is extended to his wife, Wilberta, and family.

SPECIFIC NEEDS OF REFUGEE FAMILY

(Note: Much has been promised or brought for the family--we thank you. Below is a list of additional needs. If you can help, call Pam Bickel-456-7496.)

High Chair
Blankets
Towels & Kitchen towels
Kitchen chairs
sauce pans
bed pillows
lamps/lamp tables
dressers/shelves
T.V.
toaster
queen size bed liner

THANKS FOR HOUSING!

Thanks to the following homes who housed the Sonshine Youth: John & Betty Briggs, Bill & Mary Lou Hartzler, Ralph & Judy Church, Mark & Pauline Snyder, Mike & Pat Mullen, Tom & Laura York, Ron & Karen Flickinger, Dean & Elsie Widler, Chip & Becca Olson, Marlene Crouse, Jim & Becky Stucky, George & Sara Davis, Jack & Pam Bickel, Mary Cook, Jack & Doris Sauerwein, Dick & Barb Johnson.

Thanks to the many who helped with food and meals to host this group!

SIXTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Robert & Cecile Chevalier will celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary next Wednesday, August 20 - They are now both residing in the Parnell Park Nursing Home, 3811 Parnell Ave. 46815.

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN GROWTH BROCHURE IN THIS ISSUE - PLEASE READ AND ENROLL FOR CLASSES NOW!

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FALL OF 1980

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

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We believe that the Christian life is a pilgrimmage of growth into our Lord Jesus Christ. We desire to offer opportunities for personal enrichment and growth. We desire to equip ourselves to better minister and serve others. We desire to know God and to love Him and one another in more wholesome ways.

Costs are listed for materials. Classes will not be offered if minimum registrants are not received. Child Care will be provided when it is needed.

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DYNAMIC DISCIPLESHIP

NEW MEMBER INQUIRER'S CLASS

TIME: Sunday mornings during Church School for five weeks -- November 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30. -- 9:30 to 10:30 A.M. led by Harold Cline.

DESCRIPTION: All older youth or adults considering a decision for Christ or the church are urged to participate. Basics of the Christian faith and commitment, the Disciples of Christ, and elements in joining will be covered. For recent new members or prospective members.

LIFE ABUNDANT

RESOURCES: Text, "LIFE ABUNDANT" by Dr. Ed Bauman and usage of 13 twenty-five minute tapes of Dr. Bauman during sessions.

COST: $5.00 per person

TIME: Section I: 9:30 to 11:00 A.M. on Wednesday mornings, September 10 through December 10 except November 26 led by Gary Nunnally.

Section II: 7:30 to 9:00 P.M. on Wednesday evenings, September 10 through December 10 except November 26 led by Gary Nunnally.

DESCRIPTION: The purpose of this course is to examine thirteen passages from the Gospels in which Jesus reveals "the way" into life-giving relationship with God. This is an excellent starting point into study and with a new staff personality.

BIBLE STUDY

SERIOUS NEW TESTAMENT STUDY

RESOURCES: Text, "HANDBOOK TO THE NEW TESTAMENT" by Claus Westerman plus your own Bible.

COST: $5.00 per person (except those who received the book last year.)

TIME: Section I: Sunday morning during Church School, 9:30 to 10:30 A.M. on a continuing basis until a completion of the New Testament. Led by Harold Cline.

Section II: Sunday evenings 5:45 to 6:45 P.M. on a continuing basis until the completion of the New Testament. Led by Harold Cline.

DESCRIPTION: The course is designed to aid in reading the New Testament with meaning based on the historical development of Scripture and its usage of the Old Testament, the world of that era, and the centrality of Christ. (Participation in the Old Testament course for nine or ten months this past year is NOT a prerequisite.)

LEARNING TO KNOW GOD AND THE BIBLE FOR CHILDREN.

RESOURCES: YOUNG READERS BOOK OF BIBLE STORIES by Helen Doss

COST: $8.00 for the book (except for children who already own a copy from usage in 1977-78.

TIME: Saturday mornings, September 13 through November 22, 10:00 to 11:30 A.M. for children of Grades 2,3,4,5, & 6. led by Gary Nunnally.

DESCRIPTION: A serious learning experience for children to understand the basic message of the Old Testament and its message for life.

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RELATIONAL CHRISTIANITY

THE PASSIONATE PEOPLE

RESOURCES: "THE PASSIONATE PEOPLE" by Keith Miller and Bruce Larson plus the Response Guide and guidance tapes for the study.

COST: $8.00.

TIME: Wednesday mornings, September 10 through December 10, except November 26 led by Miriam Bixenman.

DESCRIPTION: This study combines the drive for personal fulfillment with a passionate purpose in life. It talks of what it means to try to move beyond ourselves into the lives of other people and institutions in our cities to produce change. It combines loving self and loving neighbors.

FOCUS ON THE FAMILY

RESOURCES: Seven Movies in the series, FOCUS ON THE FAMILY plus a film series study guide.

COST: $1.00 for the study guide plus free will offerings at film showings.

TIME: Seven Sunday evenings, September 28 through November 9, at 7:00 P.M. with discussion following led by a team including staff and persons enlisted by the Education Committee.

DESCRIPTION: These films are designed to give new ideas for family relationships and to support the Christian home. It will present clearly the posture of a known Christian and psychologist who is known for his teaching in this area. This will give the basis for interaction and help for various aspects of family life.

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EQUIPPING FOR MINISTRY

LISTENING SKILLS

RESOURCES: WORKSHOP WORKBOOK by LEAD Consultants and text, "THE BORED AND APATHETIC CHURCH MEMBER" by John Savage.

COST: $7.50

TIME: Section I: Wednesday evenings, 7:00 to 10:00 P.M., September 10, 17, & 24 and October 22, 29, & November 5 led by Harold Cline.

Section II: Weekends, October 3 & 4 and October 31 & November 1, 7:00 to 10:00 P.M. on Friday nights and 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. on Saturdays led by Harold Cline.

DESCRIPTION: This is to develop the skill of listening as a Christian for application in the church, home, and work. Skills included are paraphrasing, perception checking, behavior description, direct expression of feelings, creative questions, fogging, and story listening. This is a lab experience using data, skill development and practice and reflection.

TOOLS FOR THE ACTIVE CHRISTIAN (Limited to eldership - past & present)

RESOURCE: "TOOLS FOR THE ACTIVE CHRISTIAN" by Herb Miller.

TIME: Friday evening from 7:00 to 10:00 P.M. and Saturday, 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. on September 26 and 27.

DESCRIPTION: This workshop for our elders will be based upon previous reading of the book by each elder and the time will be used for practice, evaluation, and development of the tools.

REGISTRATION FOR SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN GROWTH
FALL of 1980

First Christian Church Fort Wayne, Indiana

Detach this form and mail or bring to church office, hand to pastors, or place in offering plate. Sign up for class offerings as soon as possible. It is preferable to pay along with registration but may be paid at first session. Please check all of your intentions at time of submitting this form. Indicate need for Child Care.

_____ NEW MEMBER INQUIRER'S CLASS (November)

LIFE ABUNDANT

_____ Section I (Wednesday morning)

_____ Section II (Wednesday evening)

SERIOUS NEW TESTAMENT STUDY

_____ Section I (Sunday morning)

_____ Section II (Sunday evening)

_____ LEARNING TO KNOW GOD AND THE BIBLE FOR CHILDREN (Saturday)

_____ THE PASSIONATE PEOPLE (Wednesday morning)

_____ FOCUS ON THE FAMILY (Sunday evening film series)

LISTENING SKILLS

_____ Section I (Wednesday evenings)

_____ Section II (Weekends)

_____ TOOLS FOR THE ACTIVE CHRISTIAN (Elders)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____

MONEY WITH FORM _____

NEED CHILD CARE _____ No. of children _____ Ages _____

SIGN UP TIME FOR FALL DINNERS OF EIGHT

Starting this Sunday persons are desired to sign up for "Dinners of ight" to be held in October and November this fall and March and April n the spring. Schedules will be mailed about September 15 for the fall vents and February 15 for the spring.

These dinners are strictly for relationship and fellowship. During he four months the schedule should mean that any couple would eat with 2 other couples - 3 new ones each month. The host couple sets the night n relation to the others and provides drink and meat. Visiting couples rovide a vegetable, salad and rolls, and dessert. Any two persons can eam as a couple.

WHY SIGN UP??? READ ON!

"Tired of seeing names and not knowing the faces? Or seeing faces nd not knowing the names? First Christian Church is again scheduling inners of eight. Now is an ideal time to merge those names and faces.

"We have been members of FCC for about three years and we met many of he people we have grown to know and love through dinners of eight. In articular we have enjoyed meeting some of the older members--what de-ightful, delightful people! As a "fairly" young couple we didn't really ave much opportunity to mix with the senior citizens of our church. inners of 8 have given us that bridge.

"In Jesus' day much emphasis was given in the Jewish community of haring meals together. This is a heritage we shouldn't neglect. As an dded bonus, we are convinced that the best cooks in Fort Wayne go to irst Christian."

Mike & Pat Mullen

.M.A. TRIP TO WAGON WHEEL PLAYHOUSE ON AUGUST 26

The D.M.A. will leave our parking lot at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, August 6 to see "SHENANDOAH" at the Wagon Wheel Playhouse in Warsaw. Cost is 9 per person for the combined bus fare and ticket for the musical. his is open to any person who will join in the outing!

PORTANT COMING SUNDAY TO KICK OFF CHURCH LOYALTY MONTH

SEPTEMBER 7 - Both worship hours will have the annual church officer stallation. At 10:45 Worship the Chancel Choir is singing and Pre-ntation of Bibles to Third Graders. CHURCH SCHOOL - Promotion Sun-ay for children and youth - beginning of new semester in Church Sch-ol classes.

DISCIPLES SINGLES FELLOWSHIP

Our YES Group is hosting the area Disciples Singles Fellowship this Sunday evening at 7:00 P.M. This has been a going group of 20 to 35 this summer. We encourage all out of high school or college or career single status to join in this Sunday.

Our YES Group will provide refreshments and welcome the others. Let's make a strong showing this Sunday at 7:00!

ASSOCIATE PASTOR COMING

Gary and Becki Nunnally will be moving to Fort Wayne next week. They will be seeking either a rental or a house purchase as they come. He begins work with us on September 1. His first Sunday is September 7. We will have a special Worship Service of Installation for him at 10:45 A.M. on Sunday, September 14.

Pray for him and may we join with him for a meaningful and growing ministry as he embarks in his first church from Seminary education.

BIBLE SCHOOL ADVENTURES OPEN HOUSE

On Thursday evening, August 21, at 7:30 P.M. our Bible School Adventure Classes will have an Open House for families of participants. Those with perfect attendance will be recognized, teachers and helpers honored for their work and a dedication of the offering which will go to the Refugee Fund.

CYF TO CEDAR POINT

The CYF will be going to Cedar Point for the day, Friday, August 15. The group will leave the church parking lot at 6:00 A.M. and return to Fort Wayne between 12:00 midnight and 1:00 A.M. Laura Peter will deliver all youth to their homes.

All youth should bring $10 for their tickets and additional money for food.

There will be a regular CYF meeting on Monday, August 18, at 6:30 P.M.

YEARBOOK OF CHRISTIAN CHURCH

FCC of FW last year (1979) ranked 41st of the Christian Churches in total outreach giving. In the 40 churches above us only 6 were smaller in size than us. We were 40th in 1978.

In our giving to Basic Mission Finance we ranked 99th among the churches. We were 71st in 1978.

In two other categories we were no show, namely, largest number of baptism - in the top 100 churches 7 churches tied for 93rd with 20 while we had 12 and total additions - 6 churches tied for 94th with 58 while we had 38. We could move up if we would pray and talk up and live up to our potential!

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER - AUGUST 17-23, 1980

Lois Finkhousen (18)
Debby (Allen) Connerly (19)
Nancy Hendricks (20)
Arthur Mowery (21)
Judith Ford (22)
Laverne Hunt (22)
Michael Johnson (23)
OVERSEAS STAFF: *Guy & Barbara Alling*

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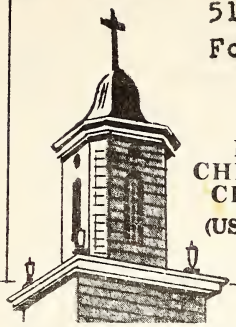

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24
8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School

MONDAY, AUGUST 25
7:30 P.M. Worship & Pastoral Relations Committee
7:30 P.M. Christian Education Committee

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28
9:30 A.M. Edge of Adventure
7:30 P.M. COME Support Group

PANTRY NEEDS: CEREAL, POWDERED MILK, CANNED VEGETABLES, TUNA

FROM OUR SUMMER INTERN. . .

My second summer here at First Christian has come to a close. As I reflect back over it, it seems it was yesterday that I moved in. This summer, like last summer, was a worthwhile experience. New exciting things are taking place in this Christian community and I feel privileged to have taken part and to have been able to contribute for the period of time I did.

Although I had the experience of last summer behind me, I found many new challenges awaiting this summer. The program of Bible School Adventures was totally new to me. I thoroughly enjoyed all of the children who shared in the classes. Sunday morning worship provided a new challenge even though it should have been "old hat". I found a caring and warmth in the homes I visited. I also see a real desire for growth in many of the lives of the young people.

As I reflect back I see many people who have touched my life---people who cared about me and who I was as I leave. I feel an emptiness left in me at the same time I feel a sense of caring which I know will always be there. In closing, I would like to say a special thank you to Chip and Becca Olson for opening their home. Also a big thank you to everyone at First Christian for making me a part of you.

My thoughts and prayers will always be with you.

Love in Christ,

Laura Peter

SERVING AUGUST 24

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Ralph Church and Cecil Rice

10:45 A.M. Barbara Short and Glenn Miller

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. B. Pauley-SW, J. Young-NW, T. Sauerwein, M. Busse

10:45 A.M. M. Callahan-NW, M. Mullen-SW, J. Briggs-SE, V. Taylor-NE, L. York, S. Grimm, K. Crawford, M. Tobias

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, Tony Evans, Tim Evans

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson, J. Glasgow, S. White, T. York

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Larry & Cheryl Busse, Miriam Bixenman

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Jim Jump and Ken Crawford

NURSERY WORKERS

10:45 A.M. D. & D. Rinker

EXTENDED SESSION

NUR. II - D. & B. Short
NUR. III - M.& S. Callahan
K-1 - G. & C. Falbe

IN HOSPITALS

PARKVIEW: 410 Mrs. Helen Williams
205 Mrs. Debbie White & son
ST. JOSEPH: 421 Mr. Vaughn Brickley
461 Mrs. Irene Current Fox
LUTHERAN: 444 Dennis Hendrickson
697 Mrs. Dessie Buchman
666 Mrs. Thelma Haxton
M312 Mr. Bob Hendricks
M101 Mr. Arthur Mowery

WEDDING BY PASTOR

Ronald Dean Feaser and Elaine Mary Parrot on 8/16/80. They are residing at 2220 Dunkelburg Rd., #964, 19, 747-9602.

REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP

Mike Mullen, Refugee Task Force Chairman, received word from Catholic Social Services that our family from Cambodia will not likely arrive until the end of August. Help is needed to find housing for the family of six! Help please! Our Refugee Sponsorship Fund now stands at $1,324.45.

CHI RHO TRIP TO CINCY

Our Chi Rho is leaving Friday noon to camp and attend a Reds Game and Kings Island in Cincinnati over this weekend. Going are: Bruce Lehman, Sylvia Smith, Joyce Crowe, Tim & Sharon Knuckles, Scott Johnson, Bob Briggs, Eric Mory, Eric Zimmerman, Tony York, Andrew Crowe, and Kristin Byers

THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Christian Friends,

Rolland and I would like to thank all of you for your prayers, lovely cards, telephone calls and calls received while I was in the hospital. Special thanks to Dr. Cline, Janet, and Karen.

Genevieve Ripple

Dear First Christian Church,

Thank you so much for the flowers that you sent for my ordination. The flowers were beautiful and they helped to create a worshipful atmosphere. We look forward to seeing you all soon. Sincerely,

Gary

NOTE: Gary & Becki arrived in Ft. Wayne 8/18 and are locating housing.

DINNERS OF EIGHT SIGN-UP!

Sign up Sunday or call the church office to participate in the Dinners of Eight this winter. It involves four meals--you host one providing meat and drink, and share in three others by taking vegetable, salad, and dessert respectively. It acquaints you with 12 other pairs and you eat in three homes outside your own. You may sign up single or as a couple. We hope to have 60 pairs involved this winter!

WITNESS ON DINNERS OF 8

"The Dinners of Eight Program gave us a chance to meet and learn to know some of the new and younger members of the Church. Some of these folk have since become active leaders in the work of our Church. The Dinners of Eight was a pleasant way to meet some nice people."

Mark and Pauline Snyder

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN GROWTH

Please pull out THE TIDINGS of last week and study the offerings for fall. Fill out the full back page which is the registration form. Mail or bring it to the church office. Registrations are needed now. If there are questions, call the church office.

One thing inadvertently omitted last week is that the FOCUS ON THE FAMILY features Dr. James Dobson. This film series should pack our Nave each Sunday night for the seven weeks. This is not just for ourselves but for any couple or family of our community.

D.M.A. TRIPS COMING!

A few spaces are left on the bus to Warsaw leaving at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, August 26th, to see "SHENANDOAH" at the Wagon Wheel Playhouse. Cost is $9 for both the bus and musical ticket. Call church office NOW to make a reservation. If any widow needs picked up and taken home after the group returns, indicate this with your reservations.

MARSHALL, MICHIGAN -- SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6. We are slated to leave at 7:00 A.M. and return at 5:00. The object is the Historic Home Tour and lunch at Win Schuler's. Bus cost is $8 and the Tour Ticket is $5. Lunch will be on your own. The tour is at your leisure and includes shuttle bus connections within Marshall and a guide book. We need to know reservations as soon as possible.

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA - TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23. We will leave at 8:00 A.M. and return at 5:00 P.M. The Children's Museum and the Art Museum are the two central items. Bus fare is $9. There is no charge for the 90 minute Educational tour at the Children's Museum.

CALLING THE CHANCEL CHOIR!

Mark Thursday, September 4 at 7:30 P.M. for rehearsal in preparation for singing at 10:45 A.M. Sunday, September 7. This is open to any youth of high school or adults of all ages.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR ALL

SEPTEMBER 7 - FALL KICK-OFF
- Installation of Officers & Boards
- Promotion Sunday for children
- New Church School semester
- Church Loyalty Month begins
- Fall Term - School of Christian Growth

SEPTEMBER 14 - 10:45 A.M. - INSTALLATION Worship for Gary Nunnally, our new Associate Pastor

SEPTEMBER 20 - SATURDAY - ALL-CHURCH PICNIC AT MACMILLAN PARK

SEPTEMBER 21 - "BRING A MEMBER SUNDAY" in Worship Hours

SEPTEMBER 28 - "BRING A FRIEND SUNDAY" in Worship Hours

OCTOBER 5 - WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 12 - CELEBRATION OF 200th BIRTHDAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER
AUGUST 24-30, 1980

Marie Redman (24)
Diane Morris (24)
Blanche Tucker (24)
Mac Olson (25)
Mary Higgins (26)
Deborah Clifton (27)
Nathan Love (27)
Mary Cook (28)
Nancy Smith (28)
Rocky Baugher (29)
Clarence Hendrickson (29)
Art Huddleston (29)
Miriam Bixenman (30)
OVERSEAS STAFF FOR PRAYER:
Guy & Barbara Alling

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH

Late news! A son was born on 8/19/80 to Steve and Debbie White. His name is Andrew Seyer. Maternal grandparents are Harold and Edna Nordblom.

WEEK OF COMPASSION REPORTS

Hurrican Allen was the worst storm of the century in the Caribbean. No way to evacuate islanders. Roofs off, trees down, communication, power disrupted; road, bridges damaged. Heavy crop loss, food shortages predicted. Church World Service monitored by ham radio airlisted food, kerosene lanterns, blankets, water putification tablets. The storm was less severe on the Texas coast. There was damage to the Corpus Christi area. We are awaiting further detail of need. Your gifts through Week of Compassion made possible appropriate response.

Marilynne Hill
Administrative Director

THANKS FOR WEEKLY WORK

Barbara Johnson folds and addresses THE TIDINGS weekly!

Janet Weicker on Mondays and Karen Flickinger on Fridays make hospital rounds as Accredited Lay Visitors. Dean Widler is on call also as an Accredited Lay Visitor.

Thanks for these efforts regularly.

CHILDREN LEARNING PIANO??

The Department of Music of Fort Wayne Bible College announces Class Piano for children normally of Grades 3-4 for Level I. Information is posted on the Board opposite the office. Robert Pace method -- 80 minutes each Monday or Wednesday.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30
7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast
SUNDAY, AUGUST 31
8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1
Church Office Closed
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4
9:30 A.M. Naomi Group, Mildred Hogg, 1206 Three Rivers East
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir
7:30 P.M. Area I Meeting on Stewardship - Conference Room

PANTRY NEEDS: CANNED VEGETABLES, CANNED FRUIT, SOUP, CANNED MEAT, NOODLES

NEW MUSICAL STAFF

ANN HAYES begins on September 1 as Director of Music, *MEL BUSSE* returns as Assistant Director and Bell Choir Director, *SHIRLEY CALLAHAN* continues as Children's Choir Director, and *JERRY ZIMMERMAN* continues as Organist.

As announced earlier, *SARA DAVIS* ends her work as Director of Music this Sunday and will be honored during our Fellowship Time following our worship hour at 10:45 A.M.

The call is out for a Chancel Choir of 20 to 30 singers beginning Thursday, September 4 at 7:30 P.M. under the direction of Mrs. Hayes. She is currently on the faculty of IU-PU, FW teaching sight-singing and ear training plus piano teaching. She was assistant director of Sweet Adelines for 10 years, directed at St. John's UCC for a year, and is currently coaching the Renditions, a female quartet.

The Chancel Choir is basic to the life of our congregation and performs in the vital function of undergirding the music of our worship. This is a ministry calling for dedication and faithfulness. We challenge every possible singer of high school, college, and adulthood to our Chancel Choir. Start on Thursday night September 4 and Sunday the 7th!

SERVING AUGUST 24

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Judy Church and Sam Hayes

10:45 A.M. Eugene Klepfer and Mark Akers

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. R. Johnson-SW, J. Hendricks-NW, C. Olson, B. Pauley

10:45 A.M. K. Flickinger-SE, J. Stucky-NE, K. Rogers-NW, J. Jump-SW, T. Harter, J. Bickel, S. Knuckles, B. Mettler

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, D. Pomeroy

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson, G. Bozarth, B. Wyant, S. Hall

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Susie Watson & Laura York

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. W. Johnson-R. Flickinger
C. Ludwig - M. Callahan
B. Leversee - G. Falbe
B. Short -

NURSERY WORKERS

10:45 A.M. D. Short

EXTENDED SESSION

NUR. II - B. Short
NUR. III - M. & S. Callahan
K-1 - G. & C. Falbe

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Chip & Becca Olson & Eileen Klepfer

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: M223 - Mr. Arthur Mowery
M312 - Mr. Robert Hendricks
669 - Mrs. Thelma Haxton
784 - Mr. Charles Eckert

ST. JOSEPH:
461 - Mrs. Irene Current Fox

SEPTEMBER 7 - OFFICERS & BOARDS INSTALLED IN WORSHIP HOURS.

OUR NEW ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Gary and Rebecca Nunnally are working this week to get moved in completely. They are at home at 7322A Mill Run Drive. 46819. Their phone number is 747-1355. He begins work with us next week on Tuesday the second because of the holiday.

FUNERAL OF MEMBER

Mrs. Helen Williams, on 8/23/80. Helen had been a member since 1959 and had been a deaconess, a teacher, and active in C.W.F. Sympathy is extended to her husband, Jack, and the whole family!

FUNERAL OF NEWCOMER

Douglas Gerber, died on 8/25/80. He had been married less than 2 years ago at Bethany Christian Church in Detroit. Services were conducted in our Nave on 8/27/80 by Dwight Messenger of the Bethany Church and Dr. Cline. Sympathy is extended to his wife, Alice, and both families of this young couple.

THANK YOU

DEAR FRIENDS:

Words cannot express the gratitude we feel for your help during Glen's illness and death.

I think we have a better understanding of what Christian love can do. Thanks to the pastor, the visitors from the church, and all your prayers and love.

Wilberta Edgington
and Julia Bicknell

GREETINGS IN OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST!

One of our Church School classes had an in depth discussion Sunday and found this passage helpful:

". . . what we are seeking in the spiritual life is not an experience, but God."

"Many people think they are making no progress in the spiritual life unless they are sustained by a series of emotional experiences. The danger with this, of course, is that they begin to seek the experience rather than God. And, when the experience is over they tend to think they have nothing. We must learn to be generally indifferent to highly emotional experiences. To live on them in the spiritual life is like living on drugs in the world. What we seek is a clean, clear perception of the presence of God in our lives."

"I have worked with many college students on retreats and in meetings where they have had experiences that they felt would change their lives forever. Yet, a few months later the glow had faded, the experience was forgotton, and life was back to normal. It takes something much deeper than this to sustain spiritual growth. If all we want is an experience, we really don't have to look very far. Enough is known about mass psychology today to manipulate the environment in such a way that an emotional experience is produced. Actors and entertainers know how to do it, and so do some religious professionals. But a contrived religious experience is not our goal; our goal is the knowledge of God."

(p. 65, TASTE AND SEE by William O. Paulsell)

To find God and the knowledge of Him there are essentials:

1. Commit life unswervingly to Christ and the Church. *"I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."* Philippians 3:14.

2. Worship weekly to keep the Lord of Life in focus. *". . . not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some. . ."* Hebrews 10:25.

3. Study for growth in regular structured learning opportunities. *"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth."* I Timothy 2:15.

4. Give oneself sacrifically to God and others in church and community responsibilities. *"For whoever would save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it."* Mark 8:35.

5. Center life daily in daily devotions. *"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."* Romans 12:2.

SEE YOU SUNDAY!

Harold E. Clive

DINNERS OF EIGHT SIGN-UP!

Call the church office now for the winter series of informal meals in the home of other members and friends of FCC. It involves four meals--one as host, and successive ones providing a vegetable, salad, or dessert. The months are October, November, March, & April. It acquaints you with 12 other pairs and you eat three times outside your home. Sign up as a single or a pair. We now have 62 participants but yearn for 120 participants or 60 regular pairs.

WHY SHARE DINNERS OF 8?

"Dick and I have come to know several in the church by spending an evening getting acquainted. The Dinners of 8 Program has provided these situations with others we have worshipped with but did not know. The food is always superb but the emphasis is never on fancy --it's on comfort and just visiting. We look forward to another season of dinners, anxious to make new friends in the church.

Barb Johnson

REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP FUND

As we move toward the expected time of arrival, we still need housing! Our Fund was increased by $61.34 from the daily offerings of our children in Bible School Adventures. We now have a total of $1,445.79! Designated gifts are welcome!

YOU ARE NEEDED THIS SUNDAY!!
Your presence this Sunday in study and worship can make an impact on yourself and others!

AUGUST GIVING LEVEL LOW

We desperately need an upswing in giving on this closing Sunday of August and throughout the fall months. August giving to date has been $9,956.28 or $2,489.07 weekly. Our budgeted needs are $13,068 for this period or $3,267 weekly. July was high -- we need to be current on budget each week and each month!

CALL FOR TRIP ON SEPTEMBER 6

The D.M.A. has scheduled a trip on Saturday, September 6 to Marshall, Michigan for the Historic Home Tour and lunch at Win Schulers. Bus cost is $8 and Tour Ticket including guide and shuttle bus is $5 - lunch will be on a personal basis. Reservations are desired as soon as possible. Encourage others who might enjoy this day. We will leave at 7:00 A.M. and return at 5:00 P.M.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER
AUGUST 31 - SEPTEMBER 6, 1980

Barbara Hayes (31)
Gene Shirley (31)
Mildred Jewell (1)
Mildred Sarrazin (1)
John Gerrard (1)
Ruby Johns (1)
Thomas Penny (2)
Raymond Sarrazin (2)
Grace Truby (2)
Evelyn Yeoman (2)
Pauline Snyder (3)
Gloria Phillips (4)
Mark Rayl (4)
Richard Skelton (4)
Kenneth Wheaton (4)
Diane Mory (4)
Ethel Lahmon (5)
Nila Schilling (5)
Mike Gardner (6)
Gary York (6)

OVERSEAS STAFF FOR PRAYER:
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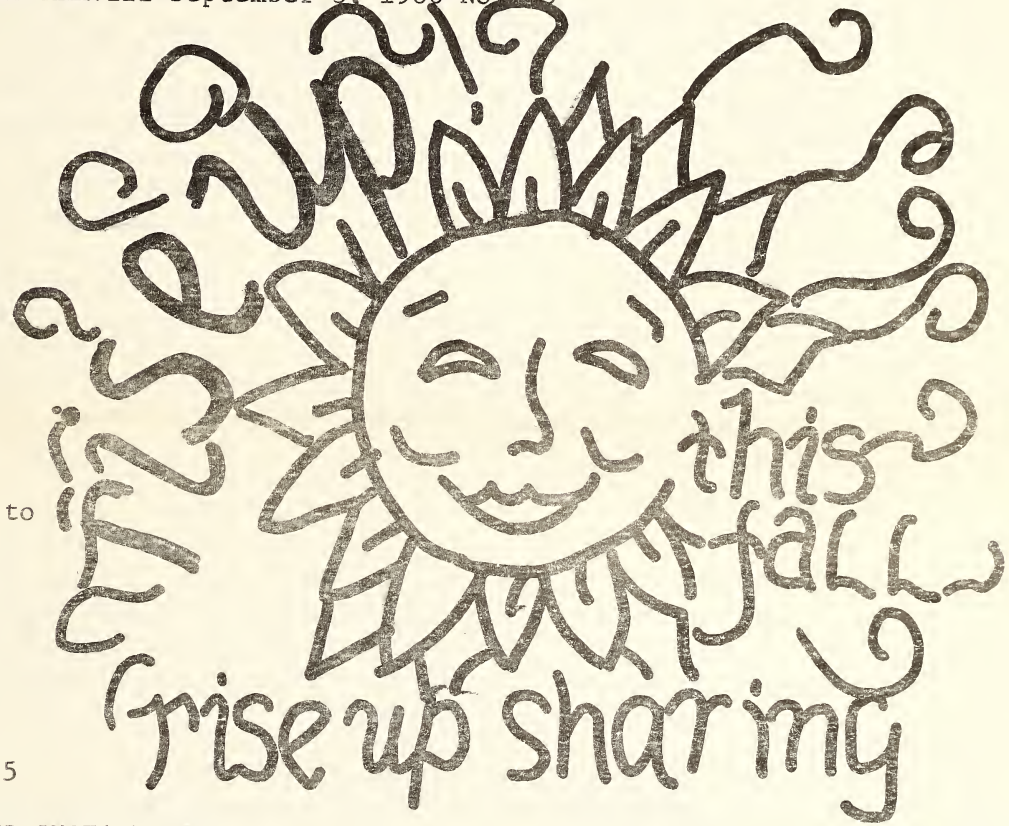
CHURCH LOYALTY MONTH

SEPTEMBER 7 to OCTOBER 5



LEADER INSTALLATION. . . . . .8:15 & 10:45 SUNDAY MORNING

CHURCH SCHOOL PROMOTION 9:30 A.M. SUNDAY MORNING
(New Semester in Church School see pages 5 and 6 for details)

BIBLES PRESENTED TO CHILDREN 10:45 A.M. SUNDAY MORNING
(Presented to Fourth Graders)

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN GROWTH (see page 4)

YOUTH FELLOWSHIPS . . . . . .5:30 P.M. SUNDAY EVENING

SERVING SEPTEMBER 7

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Mark Snyder and William Franklin

10:45 A.M. Bert Leversee and Dean Widler

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. S. Watson-SW, E. Brown-NW, P. Yentes, J. Franklin

10:45 A.M. J. Jump-SW, L. York-NW, H. Stevenson-SE, G. Falbe-NE, J. Briggs, V. Taylor, J. Stucky, N. Lucas

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, D. Pomeroy

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson, G. Bozarth, B. Wyant, S. Hall

COMMUNION PREPARATION

S. Watson & L. York

NURSERY WORKERS

10:45 A.M. J. & P. Bickel

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

M223 Mr. Arthur Mowery

ST. JOSEPH:

(entering 9/2)

Mr. Vaughn Brickley

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

To Diane Johnson, our Financial Recorder & Assistant Secretary, and family in the death of a sister-in-law of Terry's on 8/20. Sympathy is extended to the husband, Craig, and infant child, and the whole family.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES - MEETING ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, AT 7:30 P.M. in CONFERENCE ROOM

CALL FOR CHOIR SINGERS!

Tonight (Thursday, September 4) is the opening for our fall rehearsals of the Chancel Choir! The call is out to high school age and above to be present promptly at 7:30 P.M. for rehearsal. Join the choir at this beginning time both for a new season and with a new director! Excitement has been generating--be a part of it tonight--Thursday, the 4th! There is child care for all Chancel Choir rehearsals.

CALL FOR COLLEGE ADDRESSES

Will all families see that those who are off to college receive word regularly from us--thus we need college addresses NOW! Please call the church office or write it down and bring or mail it!

THE SECRET PLACE

This devotional guide is available for 45¢ at the various church entry ways. It is helpful to focus away from self and the press of obligations. Pick it up and use it personally or as a family group.

THANK YOU TO CHURCH!

Thank you to First Christian for your support and help in the time of Doug's death. A special thanks to Dr. Cline for his aid and to those who assisted with the funeral--elders, diaconate members, and musicians.

Alice Gerber

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH LEADERS THIS SUNDAY

At both hours this Lord's Day, will be a special installation service for our Church Leaders. We are working and praying for 100% participation by our leadership team for this special Sunday. Those with an asterisk are coming new to this office and those with a double asterisk are coming back after a lay off of one or more years.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

OFFICERS: Andrew Cook, Ralph Church*, Carolyn Falbe, Ronald Flickinger, George Davis. CHAIRMEN/CHAIRWOMEN: Barbara Short, Judy Church, Pam Bickel, Richard Johnson*, Laura York*, Bill Franklin*, Merle Grimm*, Pat Mullen*, George Bruckman, Mildred Hartman. REPRESENTATIVES: Sam Hayes, Bill Johnson, Chip Olson*, Monty Tobias*, Val Taylor*, Nena Lucas*, Barbara Finkhousen*, Genevieve Ripple, Rolland Ripple, Ben Taylor, Jack Bickel, Jefferson Young, Mildred Hutchinson, Jo Franklin*, Earl Plummer, Jerry Zimmerman.

BOARD OF ELDERS:

ELDERS EMERITUS: Robert Clipp, William Caldwell, William Crouse, Eugene Klepfer*, Cecil Rice, J. Fred Smell*. ELDERS: Judy Church, Robert Johnson, Bert Leversee, Rolland Ripple, Mark Akers*, George Bruckman, Barbara Short, Joe Wiley, William Franklin, Mildred Hartman, Charles Ludwig, Mark Snyder, Ralph Church, William Johnson, Ben Taylor, Dean Widler, Miriam Bixenman*, Sam Hayes*, Glenn Miller**, Janet Weicker**.

BOARD OF DIACONATE:

Ennis Brown, George Davis, Bruce Grimm, Lois Finkhousen**, Betty Briggs* Anne Lee, Bob Pauley, Karen Rogers*, Walter Bowen, Steve Grimm, Richard Johnson, Barbara Mettler, Mike Mullen*, Tim Sauerwein, Homer Stevenson, Paul Yentes, Mel Busse, Ken Crawford*, Dan Church, Mildred Hutchinson, Jim Jump, Pat Mullen, Jefferson Young, Laura York, Jack Bickel, Ronald Flickinger, Jo Franklin*, Tom Harter, Jim Stucky, Val Taylor, Monty Tobias, Susie Watson, John Briggs*, Mike Callahan*, Gary Falbe**, Karen Flickinger**, Julia Hendricks*, Susan Knuckles**, Nena Lucas*, Chip Olson*.

ROTATING OUT OF LEADERSHIP:

These are off this year from all our Boards after serving: Jack Weicker, Rosemary Krull, Delores Keebortz, Eunice Conrad, Mary Lou Hartzler, Robert Rayl, Peg Buskirk, Clint Crowe, Max Finkhousen, Jeff Johnson, Eileen Klepfer, Kenneth Place, Schellie Schell, Kenneth Taylor. THANKS FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS!

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN GROWTH

Registration time is coming to the line for our fall opportunities--be sure to complete registration this Sunday on one of the Yellow or white forms.

SERIOUS BIBLE STUDY - Dr. Cline is offering two sections of this study of the basic Christian scriptures in the New Testament either on Sunday morning at 9:30 A.M. or Sunday evening at 5:45 P.M. This is an in-depth study which will include reading the full New Testament text as well as learning to understand something of the setting and message of each book.

LIFE ABUNDANT - Gary Nunnally will lead this Bauman study of the Gospels on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 A.M. or Wednesday evenings at 7:30 P.M. Jesus will be seen as the way into life-giving relationships with God.

LEARNING TO KNOW GOD AND THE BIBLE FOR CHILDREN - This Saturday offering is open to children of grades 2-6. The Old Testament will be studied this year with the opening term running from September 13 through November 22. Led by Gary Nunnally.

THE PASSIONATE PEOPLE - Miriam Bixenman is leading this Wednesday morning study using resources developed by Keith Miller and Bruce Larson. It seeks to find self in the changing involvement with others and social institutions.

LISTENING SKILLS - Dr. Cline is offering this training secured from Dr. John Savage in the COME or REUNION Program. This is being adapted to utilize the seven basic listening skills for personal growth and development in all relationships--home, work, community, church. Sections are either Wednesday evenings or two weekends on Friday and Saturday.

FOCUS ON THE FAMILY - This special film series featuring James Dobson will begin on September 28 and continue through November 9. The film will be shown at 7:00 P.M. on Sunday evenings with discussion groups following from 8:15 to 8:45 P.M. We should be inviting couples far and wide to join with us for the special film study program.

DECIDE NOW FOR ONE OR MORE OFFERINGS THIS FALL!

JOIN OUR CHURCH SCHOOL - 9:30 A.M. ON SUNDAYS

This Sunday, September 7, marks the beginning of a new Church School year in classes for children, youth, and adults. It is also Promotion Sunday for children and youth. All children and youth should go to their present classroom for the beginning of class on Sunday and those to be promoted will be moved shortly after the period begins. (NOTE: Children and youth are in classes according to the grade they are in in school).

CHILDREN IN CHURCH SCHOOL

NURSERY I - Babies & Toddlers under 2 by October 1. Candy Spangle is the person employed for Child Care in this age level. Room 236.

NURSERY II - 2 year olds by October 1. Foci for 4 quarters are: Jesus, God's World and Me, Glad to be Me, People in My World. Teacher: Margaret Snouffer. Room 235.

NURSERY III - 3 & 4 year olds by October 1. (Must be toliet trained.) Study foci for the four quarters are: Welcome to My Church, We Celebrate God's Gifts, Discovering God's Love, and God Loves Us All. Teacher Betty Grimm, Richard Johnson, Jim and Becky Stucky. Room 131.

KINDERGARTEN-1st GRADE - Children entering these two grades or reading readiness this fall. This fall studying "Elijah and the Widow" based on I Kings 17 to introduce the Bible as a source of stories about God, a unit on God and Noah (Genesis 6-8) and a unit on A Time for Giving Thanks. Teachers: Barbara Hayes and Leesa Jump. Room 133.

2ND-3RD GRADES - Children entering these grades this fall. Studying the course, "God Calls" with units: "God Is My Strength", and "A Holy Nation". Teacher: Sharon Pauley, Substitute: Eunice Conrad. Room 132.

4TH-5TH GRADES - Children entering these grades this fall. Studying the course, "God's Work to God's People" with units: "Learning to Read the Bible", "Entering the Promised Land" and "A King is Chosen". Teachers: Karen Flickinger and Edna Nordblom. Room 331.

YOUTH IN CHURCH SCHOOL

CHI RHO - Youth in grades 6-8. Studying "Living on the Earth" - A Course with Biblical background which explores youth's potential and worth in relationship to others who share the earth and care for it. Teachers: Mike and Pat Mullen, Substitute: Nena Lucas. Room 336.

CYF - Youth in grades 9-12. Studying "The Christian as Citizen" Explores youth's relation to Nation and Church in the expression of their faith. Teacher: Mark Akers, Substitute: Sam Hayes. Room 335.

(Adult Class listing on next page)

ADULTS IN CHURCH SCHOOL

"YES" CLASS - Young Enthusiastic Singles. Open to any young, single, adult. Study & Discussion Group currently in a Bible Study. Meeting in north end of Young Lounge, 3rd floor, Education Wing. Teacher: Bill Franklin.

YOUNG COUPLES - Class of couples in their twenties meets in east side of parlor. Currently using a study and discussion Biblical study. Teacher: Judy Church.

"CUCS" - Christians Under Construction - Open to both couples and singles of ages 25-36. Currently using "Let the Bible Be Your Guide" as study/discussion resource. Will be using the Dobson Film Series as springboard for discussion during September 28-November 16. Teacher: Pam Bickel.

HARMONY CLASS - Age span is 36 and up. The group strives to learn, think, live and even sing - in Harmony. Study material is the Uniform Lesson Series - a Bible Study. Teacher: Jack Weicker. The class meets in the west section of Fellowship Hall.

COME DOUBLE CLASS - Originally formed for (then) young couples, but in no way limited to couples (includes single members). Present age span is 50 - late 60's. Study text: The Uniform Lesson Series - a Bible Study. Teacher: Miriam Bixenman. Meets in middle section of Fellowship Hall.

PROGRESSIVE CLASS - A Class of older adults, age 60 and above. A strong emphasis on caring and support for one another. A mixed group of couples and singles. Study text: The Uniform Lessons - a Bible Study. Teacher: Rolland Ripple. Meets in Chapel, Room 220.

GOSPEL SEEKERS - This group includes a variety of ages and marital status - a good "blend". Discussion is the dominate thing in the study of this group. Will begin a study "The Faith We Affirm - a Study of the Disciples of Christ" on September 14. Teachers: Barbara Short and Ruby Cline. Meets in Room 120.

BEREAN CLASS - Open to any age and marital status. Studies the Bible using a variety of resources. Teacher: Jack Williams. Meets in west section of the parlor.

NEW TESTAMENT BIBLE STUDY - Class open at beginning of semester to any age range or marital status. Study text: Handbook of the New Testament by Claus Westerman. (Cost $5 for this class for textbook.) Teacher: Harold Cline. Meets in stage end of Fellowship Hall.

ASSOCIATE PASTOR BEGINS

GARY NUNNALLY began work on Tuesday this week as Associate Pastor. He has moved into the Education Office on the third floor of the Administrative Wing. He comes fresh from his ordination in Dallas, Texas, and finishing his seminary work at Brite Seminary of Texas Christian University. We welcome Gary and his wife Rebecca, into our midst as we serve our Lord together! Come and greet the Nunnallys this Sunday!

At 10:45 A.M. on Sunday the 14th will be a special Installation Worship service for Gary.

BIBLES PRESENTED DURING WORSHIP

Those children being promoted to the Grade 4 & 5 Class this Sunday will be receiving Bibles from the Church. These will be presented during Divine Worship at 10:45 A.M. to Matt Crawfrod, Chad Dailey, John Flickinger, Amy Hayes, Chris Jackson, Eric Krull, Sara Mullen, Chenelle Payne, and Christa Rogers.

FULL CHILDREN'S PROGRAM DURING WORSHIP

We move back to winter schedule this Sunday with Children's Choir directed by Shirley Callahan practicing after the Children's Sermonette for 2-5 Grades. Expanded Session is for children of age 3 through first graders. Our children up to 3 stay in Nursery I or Nursery II throughout the whole worship hour. The children leave worship as a group after the Sermonette.

CALLING YOUTH FELLOWSHIPS

[illegible] FELLOWSHIP for those in Grades 6, 7, & 8 and CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP for those in Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12 will kick off their fall evening meetings this Sunday at 5:30 P.M. (Note to parents: Bring youth at 5:30 and participate during Youth Fellowships in the Bible Study Class from 5:45 to 6:45 P.M.) Gary Nunnally, our new Associate Pastor, will be working with and developing our Youth Fellowship Programs this winter along with the Adult Counselors of the groups. Plan now for Sunday evening.

ELDERS:

Pick up your copy of TOOLS FOR ACTIVE CHRISTIANS by Herb Miller so that you can read it fully for the Elder Retreat on September 26 and 27. Secure your copy from the church office.

CWF BIRTHDAY MEETING

The World CWF is 25 years old! At our first CWF meeting on September 16 (Tuesday) we will celebrate that birthday as well as the birthday of each woman attending. This meeting is a pot luck dinner at 6:30 P.M. Bring a covered dish to share and table service. Dessert and drink will be furnished. Connie Wells, Program Chairwoman will lead the program with the theme, "THE FELLOWSHIP WE SHARE" Others helping are Judy Church, Pam Bickel, Laura York, Barbara Johnson, and Pat Mullen. Ruby Cline will lead the worship.

CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

8:00 P.M. CUC Class Dessert at Bickel's 1232 Illsley

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

7:00 A.M. D.M.A. sponsored trip to Marshall, Michigan

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship Leadership Installation

9:30 A.M. Church School Promotion Sunday

5:30 P.M. Chi Rho & C.Y.F.

5:45 P.M. Bible Study

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

10:00 A.M. Morning Study Group

1:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild, Ethel Shroyer, 4821 Tacoma

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

9:00 A.M. Ruth Group, Martha Cole, 7430 U.S. 24 West

11:30 A.M. Rebecca Group, Ats's on Tillman Road

7:30 P.M. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

7:30 P.M. Deborah Group, Ruby Cline, 5705 Fernwood

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

9:30 A.M. School of Christian Growth

7:30 P.M. School of Christian Growth

7:30 P.M. Martha Group, Nena Lucas, 5115 Fairfield

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

9:15 A.M. Rachel Group, Church Library. (Child Care)

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS: CEREAL, CANNED MEAT, CANNED FRUIT & VEGETABLES PEANUT BUTTER, TUNA

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER
SEPTEMBER 7-13, 1980

Mel Cochran (7)
Pat Norman (7)
Nellie Roe (7)
Marilyn Rayl (8)
Doretha Baker (8)
Kris Ohneck (9)
Valerie Williams (10)
Richard Panny (11)
Barbara Short (11)
Robert Chevalier (12)
Barbara Finkhousen (12)
Nancy Geiselman (12)
Deann Halbrook (12)
Margo Parlette (12)
Ruth Plummer (12)
Sandy Zimmerman (12)
Edith Varner (13)
Earl Stearns (13)
OVERSEAS STAFF: James & Betty Stricker, Hospital Administrators in Nepal

PARTICIPANTS WANTED!

Would you join the bus group going to Marshall Michigan this Saturday! We will leave at 7:00 A.M. to participate in the Historic Home Tour of Marshall in this special weekend. The tour is at one's leisure with transportation provided as desire by shuttle busses. Lunch will be on one's own at Win Schuler's unless you desire to eat elsewhere. Bus fare is $8 per person and the ticket in our group rate is $5 rather than $7 if you were to go alone. Call the church office now. We will be back at the parking lot by 5:00 P.M.

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GARY DOUGLAS NUNNALLY TO BE INSTALLED SUNDAY

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH INVITES YOU TO SHARE IN THE INSTALLATION WORSHIP FOR

GARY DOUGLAS NUNNALLY

as ASSOCIATE PASTOR

at 10:45 A.M. SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1980

RECEPTION FOLLOWS in FELLOWSHIP HALL HOSTED BY THE SEARCH COMMITTEE.

The awaited day of formal installation of Gary Nunnally as our Associate Pastor is this Sunday during our Divine Worship at 10:45 A.M. Gary comes with emphasis in education and youth work, pastoral work including worship leadership, and enlistment and church growth. On August 8th he graduated from Brite Divinity School of Texas Christian University and on August 10th was ordained at the Rosemont Christian Church of Dallas, Texas.

(Continued on page four)

SERVING SEPTEMBER 14

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Mildred Hartman and Rolland Ripple

10:45 A.M. Dean Widler and Mark Akers

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M. Busse-SW, M. Hutchinson-NW, J. Franklin, C. Olson

10:45 A.M. K. Flickinger-SW, M. Callahan-NW, S. Knuckles-SE, B. Grimm-NE, M. Mullen, L. York, B. Mettler, G. Davis

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, E. Snouffer

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson, R. Jackson, B. Kerley, R. Hunt

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Val Taylor & Julia Hendricks

NURSERY WORKERS

10:45 A.M. B. Stucky & Sharon Knuckles

EXTENDED SESSION

NUR. II - J. Ott
NUR. III - L. McBride
K-1 - L. Finkhousen

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

The Search Committee

IN HOSPITALS

ST. JOSEPH: 517 Mr. Vaughn Brickley
LUTHERAN: M223 Mr. Arthur Mowery

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED:

To Mrs. Delores Overmyer in the death of her brother, Harold L. Badders, on 9/2/80.

AUGUST AVERAGES

Worship	235
Church School	115
Through-the-Week ed.	63
Budget Giving	$2,391.35

RESPONSE TO INVITATION

GARY and BECKI NUNNALLY, 7322A Mill Run Drive, 19, 747-1355, identified with us in a transfer of membership from Eureka Christian Church, Eureka Illinois. We rejoice in this formal tie with us as members together in the Body of Christ. If you did not have the opportunity to greet them last Sunday, be sure to do so at the special reception following the Installation Service this coming Sunday morning.

REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP

We are awaiting our family momentarily. Action has been taken for housing. Our Fund receipts now stand at $1,475.79. Designated gifts are welcome!

THANKS TO CONGREGATION

I want to thank Rev. Cline, Karen Flickinger, & Janet Weicker for their visits and prayers for my husband, Charles, while in the hospital.

Fran Eckert

I appreciated the calls of Rev. Cline and his prayers and the RX folders. Also I want to say thanks to Janet Weicker for her call. I also appreciated very much the cards I received.

Thelma Haxton

THANKS FOR CHOIR RESPONSE!

We rejoiced in the choir Sunday and trust that the spark will continue to ignite. Join rehearsal Thursday at 7:30 P.M.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast
10:00 A.M. Children's Bible Class

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

8:15 A.M. Meditative Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Installation Worship for Gary Nunnally as Associate Pastor
12:00 Noon Coffee Hour-Reception for Gary & Becki Nunnally
5:30 P.M. Chi Rho & CYF
5:45 P.M. New Testament Class
7:00 P.M. Movie "No Longer Alone"

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

6:30 P.M. CWF Salad Potluck & Program

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS: P-NUT BUTTER, SOUP, TUNA, MEAT, VEGETABLES, Small Jars

CWF MEETING SEPTEMBER 16

The first CWF meeting of this year will celebrate the 25th Birthday of World CWF. It will be a Salad Potluck. Bring a salad to share and table service. Dessert and drink will be furnished. The Program will highlight the history of CWF and will feature *Judy Church, Pam Bickel, Laura York, Barb Johnson, Pat Mullen,* and *Elsie Widler. Connie Wells* is Program Chairwoman, *Ruby Cline,* CWF Worship Chairwoman will lead the worship experience. *Miriam Bixenman* is the CWF President.

CHURCH LOYALTY MONTH

Our Church School moved to 158 and Worship to 277 last Sunday. Here is the record:

28 of 24 members of the Board of Trustees - 82%

18 of 26 of the Board of Elders - 69%

29 of 40 members of the Board of Diaconate - 73%

190 of 543 Participating Members of the Congregation - 35%

Could we not have 50% of our Participating Membership in worship on a weekly basis? We would like to have every able member present during September!

YOUNG COUPLES CLASS NOW CHRYSALIS CLASS

A new name has been chosen for the Young Couples Class. After a diligent effort, the class was renamed the CHRYSALIS CLASS, chosen for its symbolic meaning. The adopted interpretation by the class is:

Chrysalis is a cacoon. In our Christian lives we are in this pupee stage. As non-Christians we compare with catepillars. Life after death in Christ is sympolized by the butterfly. In the cacoon the worm becomes the butterfly.

The Chrysalis Class meets each Sunday in the east end of the Parlor and invites all young couples in their twenties to join them!

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED INTERFAITH LUNCHEON

This annual event is Monday, September 29 at 12:00 Noon at Zoli's on Covington. Tickets are $4. Call office or Miriam Bixenman for reservation.

INSTALLATION OF GARY NUNNALLY (Continued from page one)

Guests participating in this service in addition to our pastor and lay leaders includes Rev. John Wolfersberger, Associate Regional Minister of the Christian Church in Indiana and Rev. Mel Phillips, Executive Secretary of Associated Churches of Fort Wayne and Allen County.

Gary's student work included one year at Rosemont Christian Church as Student Associate, two years at Lott-Chilton United Methodist Church, Lott, Texas, five months at Wheelock United Methodist Church, Wheelock, Texas, and one summer as Youth Minister at St. Marks United Methodist Church, Baytown, Texas. He graduated from Texas A & M with a B.A. in sociology in 1977.

Gary has been married for two years to Rebecca who was ordained in May at the Eureka Christian Church, Eureka, Illinois. She also has a M.Div. degree from Brite and a B.S. in English Education from Illinois Wesleyan. Becki served as University Ministries Intern at T.C.U. last year. She is singing in our Chancel Choir and is representing our congregation on the Greater Fort Wayne Campus Ministry Board.

Gary's parents are Julian and Ina Nunnally of Houston, Texas where his father is employed by Texaco. His brother, David, and wife, Karen are also in Houston where he is employed by Shell. Becki is the oldest of five children--two brothers and two sisters--and her parents, Robert and Joan Johann, live in Eureka, Illinois.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER
SEPTEMBER 14 - 20, 1980

Marvel Brickley (15)
Edna Nordblom (15)
Almeda Rice (15)
Bruce Lehman (16)
Elna Taylor (16)
Dan Flickinger (17)
Debra White (17)
Winnie May Ferguson (17)
Sue Allen (18)
John Freed (18)
Robert Rayl (18)
Ruth Eiler (19)
Virginia Johnson (19)
Mary Novachcoff (19)
Rosalie Hall (20)
Klark Kerley (20)
OVERSEAS STAFF: James & Betty Stricker

"NO LONGER ALONE"

7:00 P.M. SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Feature Film in Worship Nave
(Child Care for preschool)

We are showing a World Wide Pictures Color Release movie this Sunday evening for our congregation and friends.

"Sometimes you have to walk through unbelievable darkness to reach the light."

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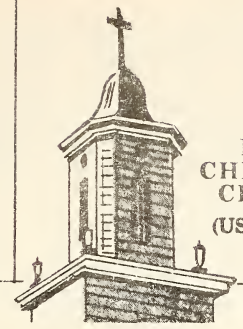

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ALL CHURCH PICNIC SATURDAY

Members and friends are invited for a Saturday Picnic on the 20th at Macmillan Park. We will be in the main shelter gathering at 12:00 noon and eating at 12:30 P.M. Bring covered dishes, table service, and drinks.

Games and contests for children with many gifts and prizes from Macdonald's, Burger Chef and Burger King are being planned by Gary Nunnally and others. A major soft ball game is assumed for youth and adults.

The Membership Committee under the chairwomanship of Pat Mullen is in charge of this all church event. The various facilities of the park are also available. Contact of our membership is being made through our Shepherding Groups this week encouraging participation.

Come--eat--relate--play---enjoy the outdoors! See you this Saturday noon at Macmillan Park bounded by Oxford on the north Hessen Cassel on the east, and McKinnie on the south. Share this day of fun and fellowship together!

CHURCH LOYALTY MONTH -- BRING A MEMBER SUNDAY

The Membership Committee is calling on each member to try to contact and bring or meet at the entry another member who has been missed in recent weeks. Call someone who lives near you! Invite them by asking if you may pick them up and bring them on Sunday! If they desire to drive themselves, ask is you may meet them at a certain time at a certain place to be with you.

Could we have 85% or 29 of our Board of Trustees this Sunday? Last Sunday there were 26 of 34 or 76%.

Could we have 85% or 22 of our Board of Elders this Sunday? Last Sunday there were 21 of 26 or 80%.

Could we have 85% or 34 of our Board of Diaconate this Sunday? Last Sunday there were 22 of 39 or 56%.

Could we have 50% or 270 of our Participating Members? Last Sunday there were 165 of 539 or 30%.

Demonatrate that God is NUMBER ONE in life--Worship each Sunday of CHURCH LOYALTY MONTH!

SERVING SEPTEMBER 21

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Charles Ludwig and Ralph Church

10:45 A.M. Barbara Short and Ben Taylor

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Hendricks-SW, J. Young-NW, E. Brown, T. Sauerwein

10:45 A.M. K. Crawford-SW, K. Rogers-SE, S. Knuckles-NW, H. Stevenson-NE, B. Briggs, J. Jump, J. Bickel, R. Flickinger

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, T. Briggs

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson, G. Hosfield, J. Hudlow, S. Johnson

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Val Taylor & Julia Hendricks

NURSERY WORKERS

10:45 A.M. G. & R. Hosfield

EXTENDED SESSION

NUR. II - J. Ott

NUR. III - L. McBride

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COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Lee Baugher, Genie Marcum

GIVING COUNTERS

Ralph Church & Rolland Ripple

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: M223 Mr. Arthur Mowery

PARKVIEW: 410 Mrs. Martha Goddard

FUNERAL OF MEMBER

Vaughn Brickley, a member since 1923 and former deacon, on 9/13/80. Sympathy is extended to his wife, Marvel, and son, Jack and the family.

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED to William Schilling and family in the death of his mother in Lafayette.

ALL ELDERS:

Secure from the office TOOLS FOR THE ACTIVE CHRISTIAN so that you will have it read before the retreat on Friday and Saturday, September 26 and 27.

THANKS TO CHURCH

"Your kindness and sympathy are more appreciated than any word of thanks can ever express."

The Jack Williams family

"Many thanks to members of First Christian Church, for the prayers, cards, and visits while I was in the hospital.

"Special thanks to Dr. Cline, Janet Weicker, and Karen Flickinger." *Dessie Buchman*

"Thank you, the people of First Christian for their prayers and concern during my illness. A special thanks to Dr. Cline for his calls and prayers and concern for my family."

"God bless you all."

James Marks and family (son of Laura Marks)

To my friends and staff of First Christian:

"You are the greatest! Many thanks for calls, cards, and flowers and especially your prayers, during my recent stay at St. Joseph hospital."

Sincerely,

Irene Current Fox

THANKS FOR HELP!

Thanks to Elsie Widler and Sandy Zimmerman who stepped in and did the serving of the Reception last Sunday!

SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS OF THE CHURCH BOARD 9/9/80

The Board approved the following filling of vacancies: Earl Plummer, congregation-at-large representative to the Board of Trustees until June 30, 1981; Sam Hayes, Elder representative on the Board of Trustees until June 30, 1982; Lois Finkhousen and Betty Briggs, Deaconesses until June 30, 1981.

A Motion was made to increase the allocation for funeral flowers or memorial gifts at the time of death of members of the congregation. The action of the Worship and Pastoral Relations Committee was confirmed concerning the hiring of Ann Hayes as Director of Music and Mel Busse as Assistant Director and Bell Choir Director.

The Board approved the usage of the Worship Nave and two classrooms on Saturday evenings throughout the month of October by Fellowship Bible Church and anticipation of a continuing relationship pending working out custodial details.

Resignations were received with regret from Susie Watson as Deaconess, Bruce Lehman and Sylvia Smith as Chi Rho Sponsors, and Bill and Ginny Johnson as CYF Sponsors.

Present were 26 of 34 members, with regrets from four and absences of four others.

BAKE SALE

The Chi Rho Youth will be having a BAKE SALE this Sunday, September 21, in the Fellowship Hall after the second worship service. There will be all kinds of cakes, pies, and cookies so come join us and take some dessert home with you for lunch or supper!

PANTRY SERVING NEEDS

Last week THE PANTRY provided basic groceries for 261 meals.

A great need of the program is a freezer in which to store frozen items. If you could suggest something, call the church office.

SERMONS BY DR. CLINE IN COMING WEEKS

SEPTEMBER 21 - "OUR CHURCH--COPING WITH DIVERSITY" - I Corinthians 12-14; Galatians 3:23-28, 5:1-15 BRING A MEMBER SUNDAY!

SEPTEMBER 28 - "OUR CHURCH--FOCUSING ON CHRIST" - Matthew 16:13-20; Ephesians 2:12-22, Colossians 1:15-20, 2:6-19 - BRING A FRIEND SUNDAY!

OCTOBER 5 - "OUR CHURCH -- INTERNALIZING THE LORD" - Romans 5:3-11; John 6:1-71; Colossians 3:11-17 WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY!

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

10:00 A.M. Children's Bible Class
12:00 Noon ALL-CHURCH PICNIC

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
12:00 Noon Fellowship Coffee Hour and Chi Rho Bake Sale
4:30 P.M. Bell Choir
5:30 P.M. Chi Rho & CYF
5:45 P.M. New Testament Class
7:00 P.M. DSF at Harters, 4922 Knoll Road

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

10:00 A.M. Morning Study Group
6:30 P.M. Area I Board Meeting, Kendallville
7:30 P.M. Worship & Pastoral Relations Committee

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

8:00 A.M. DMA Trip

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir
7:30 P.M. COME Support Group

PANTRY NEEDS: NOODLES, TUNA, CANNED MEAT, SOUP, CANNED FRUIT & VEGETABLES, P-NUT BUTTER, SMALL JARS OR CONTAINERS

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER
SEPTEMBER 21 - 27, 1980

Ellen Crowder (21)
Ruth Norton (21)
Nena Lucas (21)
Bert Leversee (22)
Terry Roseberry (22)
Michele Coleman (22)
Emily (Weicker) Walton (23)
Sherry Crawford (23)
Robert Petty (24)
Jennie Harter (25)
Sandra Kay Ferrell (25)
Virginia Parker (26)
OVERSEAS STAFF: James & Betty Stricker

YOUTH NEWS

CHI RHO

Last Sunday evening Chi Rho elected new officers for the 1980-81 year.

President - Eric Zimmerman
Vice-President - Larry Taylor
Secretary - Bob Briggs
Treasurer - Kevin Mory

Beginning October 5, Bill and Nancy Wyant will be our Chi Rho sponsors. Come out and meet them and join us for a time of fun, fellowship, worship and study. Youth groups will meet from 5:30-7:00 each Sunday evening. We will be beginning a new snack program before youth groups begin. The new lesson that we will be studying will be "Growing Up To Love". This Study will be about how we view ourselves and how we relate to other youth. So don't miss out! This Sunday Chi Rho is having a BAKE SALE in Fellowship hall during coffee hour.

CYF

CYF also elected new officers. They are:

President - Tim Sauerwein
Vice-President - Tim Knuckles
Secretary - Sharon Knuckles
Treasurer - Mai Pauley

The sponsors of CYF are Chi and Becca Olson. They will be leading a new program entitled "Frog Kissing". Come join us and find out what it is all about. You don't want to miss it! CYF will meet from 5:30-7:00 P.M. An exciting year of learning experiences and activities are planned. Also coming out October 1 will be a monthly Youth Newsletter with a calendar of the months events.

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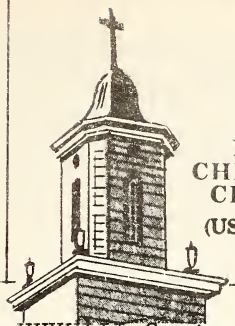

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CHURCH CALENDAR

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
7:00 P.M. Elder's Retreat
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
9:00 A.M. Elder's Retreat
10:00 A.M. Children's Bible
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
4:30 P.M. Handbell Choir
5:30 P.M. Chi Rho and CYF
5:45 P.M. New Testament Class
7:00 P.M. Dobson Film "The Strong-Willed Child"
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29
7:30 P.M. Evangelism Committee
7:30 P.M. Christian Education Committee
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS: SOUP, POWDERED MILK, CANNED MEAT, TUNA, Small Jars, Plastic Containers

BRING A FRIEND SUNDAY

From the youngest to the oldest all are urged to bring a friend to worship and church school this coming Sunday the 28th. It is quite clear that 70 to 90% of all persons are in various congregations because of personalized invitations from members. Thus, the invitation which you make may open the door for some to find Christ and life in Him.

Not only invite at a specific time, but offer to pick them up and bring them. If this is not desired, meet them and stay with them in such a way that they are introduced and find relationships.

Bring a Friend Sunday--Each can give to others and the church by this simple task this week. Pray for the richness of God's presence and spirit to be at work in our worships and study on BRING A FRIEND SUNDAY!

FOCUS ON THE FAMILY

Through the media of color movies we are offering our members and friends of the community a family life seminar featuring Dr. James C. Dobson. The first film of this FOCUS ON THE FAMILY FILM SERIES is entitled, "THE STRONG-WILLED CHILD". Showing time is 7:00 P.M. in our

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SERVING SEPTEMBER 28

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Sam Hayes and Eugene Klepfer

10:45 A.M. Joe Wiley and William Johnson

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. C. Olson-SW, P. Yentes-NW, L. Finkhousen, R. Johnson

10:45 A.M. T. Harter-SW, V. Taylor-NW, J. Stucky-SE, S. Grimm-NE, M. Mullen, S. Knuckles, M. Tobias, K. Flickinger

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, Tony & Tim Evans

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson, J. Glasgow, S. White, T. York

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Chip Olson and Tom Harter

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. G. Miller - T. Harter

C. Rice - M. Hutchinson

B. Short - M. Tobias

M. Bixenman - V. Taylor

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Becky Glasgow & Charlotte Berryman

NURSERY WORKERS

10:45 A.M. M. & C. Akers

EXTENDED SESSION

NUR. II - J. Ott

NUR. III - L. McBride

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IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

M223 - Mr. Arthur Mowery

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH

A son, Ryan, was born on September 21 to Tom and Emily Walton. Jack and Janet Weicker are maternal grandparents.

CALLING FOR CHOIR SINGERS!

Preparations are starting in regular Chancel Choir rehearsals for Thanksgiving music and a Christmas Cantata. Singers of youth and adults are encouraged to come on Thursdays at 7:30 P.M.!

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

To Charles Goddard and family in the death of Martha on 9/20/80. They were members of the First Christian Church in Lebec, California, and were caught here during her terminal illness.

THANKS TO CONGREGATION:

"Thanks to everyone for the prayers, cards, and visits during Vaughn's long illness. He appreciated every prayer made for him. Thanks to the ministers and friends for their calls at home and the hospital. We will never forget. God bless everyone.

Jack, Sue, and Marvel Brickley

Dear Congregation:

Becki and I appreciated so very much the meaningful Installation Service last Sunday. We are also especially grateful to the Search Committee and their spouses (especially Sandy and Elsie) for the Reception and the beautiful flowers.

Gary Nunnally

ADDRESS FOR JOYCE CROWE

Joyce and Andrew Crowe are now residing at 3599-E Woodbriar Circle, Tucker, Georgis, 30084. The phone is 404/934-3297.

THANKS AND NEED!

"We of Homebound Meals wish to extend our most heartfelt thanks to a particular group of ladies from the congregation of First Christian Church: Mrs. Dickmeyer, Miss Hutchinson, Mrs. Hartzler, Mrs. Wells, Mrs. York, and Mrs. Grimm.

These ladies gave us precious time from their busy summer schedule when our need was especially critical. We are indeed grateful.

"Homebound meals is still in need of volunteers to drive six routes. It takes one hour one day a week as a regular driver, or one hour occasionally as a substitute driver or partner as needed. It's such a simple act of neighborly concern, but so much appreciated by our elderly clientele."

"Anyone interested in volunteering is urged to contact Mrs. Donna Byers at 456-3289 or Mrs. Betty Grimm at 456-7808.

Sincerely,
Judith Alatza, RD
Program Coordinator

SOUTHSIDE LEARNING ADVENTURES

A wide range of classes for senior citizens is available from October 6 to December 8 at this community program at Christ United Methodist Church at McKinnie. Call 456-6685 or 456-1958 to register. The full listing is on the Bulletin Board opposite the church office. Meals are also available if reservations are made in advance by calling 423-1523. Classes are on Mondays or Tuesdays.

FOCUS ON THE FAMILY (from page 1)

Worship Nave.

We encourage families of all kinds to share in part or all of this series. Child Care will be provided during the movies for those under sixth grade. An opportunity for interaction and discussion will be held in Fellowship Hall starting at 8:15 and closing at 8:45 P.M. Leaders this week will be Sam and Barb Hayes with Dr. Cline doing the closing.

Study guides are available at $1.00 for family usage or the interaction time. A free-will offering will be received towards the film rental.

The series weekly at 7:00 for the film and 8:15 for discussion includes:

9/28 - "The Strong-Willed Child"
10/5 - "Shaping the Will Without Breaking the Spirit"
10/12 - "Christian Fathering"
10/19 - "Preparing for Adolescence: The Origins of Self-Doubt"
10/26 - "Preparing for Adolescence: Peer Pressure and Sexuality"
11/2 - "What Wives Wished Their Husbands Knew About Women: The Lonely Housewife."
11/9 - "What Wives Wished Their Husbands Knew About Women: Money, Sex, and Children"

ELDER RETREAT

All elders--both current or off on rotation are invited this Friday from 7:00 to 10:00 P.M. and Saturday from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Read TOOLS FOR ACTIVE CHRISTIANS in preparation.

This is a time for relationship, interaction, and growth.

YOUTH NEWS

CHI RHO

Last week the Chi Rho held their first Bake Sale of the new school year. Many parents and youth baked cakes, pies, cookies, and rolls and $44 was made. This money will be put toward learning and fun activities for the months ahead. Chi Rho also began their study on "Growing Up to Love", a course in love education, with the focus on personal feelings, relationships, and moral values. We will also be exploring ways in which we can love ourself and others as children of God. This six week study session is very interesting and informative so don't miss out on it. Also planned for next Sunday afternoon are a variety of games and fun activities.

Another youth activity that began last Sunday was our HANDBELL CHOIR. All youth from 6th-12th grades are encouraged to participate in it. Handbell Choir begins at 4:30 P.M. on Sunday afternoons under the direction of Mel Busse.

CYF

The CYF began their new study entitled "Frog Kissing". At the risk of losing your hallowed inhibitions and holy hang-ups all youth between 9th-12th grades are invited to a frog-kissin' celebration in the Youth Lounge for the next five Sunday evenings at 5:30 P.M. If you are feeling down-in-the-swamp, this is your chance to be kissed.

Coming up in October will be an ALL YOUTH DINNER. All youth, their parents, sponsors and Church School Teachers are invited. More later!

CHURCH LOYALTY MONTH

September 28 - "BRING A FRIEND SUNDAY" Sermon -- "OUR CHURCH-FOCUSING ON CHRIST" Matthew 16:13-20; Ephesians 2:12-22; Colossians 1:15-20, 2:6-19. Becky Stucky is soloist.

Were you one of the 276 in worship last Sunday? We need every member to make a showing during Church Loyalty Month is physically able.

25 of 34 of Board of Trustees were present - 74%

21 of 26 of Board of Elders were present - 81%

26 of 39 of the Board of Diaconate were present - 67%

183 of 542 Participating Members were present - 34%

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER
SEPTEMBER 28 - OCTOBER 4, 1980

Paul Dunham (28)
Ellyn Kreischer (28)
John Briggs (29)
Doris Sauerwein (29)
Ralph Richards (29)
Sherry Crawford (30)
Gerry Hendrickson (1)
Ruby Pomeroy (1)
Jim Stucky (1)
Marjorie Copeland (1)
Fred Grier (1)
Don Short (2)
Anna Taylor (2)
Bruce Stone (3)
Becky Stucky (3)
Kathlyn Banet (4)
Jeff Frappier (4)
Stephen Cobb (4)
Tim Evans (4)

OVERSEAS STAFF FOR PRAYER:
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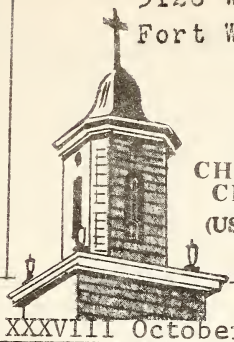

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4
10:00 A.M. Children's Bible
10:00 A.M. YES Group meet at Marlene Crouse's 2302 Kenwood for Canoe trip
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
4:30 P.M. Bell Choir
5:30 P.M. Chi Rho
5:30 P.M. CYF meet here for Boat Trip & Pizza
5:45 P.M. New Testament Class
6:30 P.M. DSF - Harter's
7:00 P.M. Dobson Film Series
MONDAY, OCTOBER 6
7:30 P.M. New CWF Group, Miriam Bixenman, 4430 Wilmette
7:30 P.M. Outreach & Service Committee
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7
9:00 A.M. Ruth Group, Dorothy Green, 11625 Buskirk Road
7:30 P.M. BOARD OF TRUSTEES
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8
7:30 P.M. Martha Group, Betty Briggs, 5807 Fernwood
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9
9:15 A.M. Rachel Group, Library
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

The act of renewing covenant with the Lord through His table is a world-wide emphasis this Sunday. Thus, we who practice weekly communion highlight and celebrate this occasion. We would call for every-member of the Body of Christ to sense union both with Him and with fellow believers around the world. Join in the celebration with Christ at His Table at either the 8:15 or 10:45 A.M. Worship Hours.

FOCUS ON THE FAMILY FILMS

The first film was an excellent beginning in parenting and 119 were involved. Because of the number of children full plans are set for a Crib and Toddler Room, Nursery II for other preschoolers and 1st-5th graders on the third floor.

This Sunday evening the second film is entitled, "SHAPING THE WILL WITHOUT BREAKING THE SPIRIT." In it Dr. Dobson says: *"The most common mistake that parents and teachers make in...handling...discipline has to do with using anger to motivate children instead of action to motivate children."*

COME AND BRING FRIENDS TO FILM SERIES THIS SUNDAY AT 7:00

SERVING OCTOBER 5

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Robert Johnson and Judy Church

10:45 A.M. Ben Taylor and Joe Wiley

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M. Hutchinson-SW, J. Hendricks-NW, T. Sauerwein, M. Busse

10:45 A.M. K. Rogers-SW, R. Flickinger-NW, N. Lucas-SE, H. Stevenson-NE, L. York, M. Callahan, G. Davis, S. Knuckles

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, D. Pomeroy

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson, G. Bozarth, B. Wyant, S. Hall

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Chip Olson and Tom Harter

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

The Bob Pauley Family

NURSERY WORKERS

10:45 A.M. B. & N. Wyant

WEDDING BY PASTOR

L. Fred Gaskill and Viola E. Sievers on September 27, 1980. They are residing at 5007 S. Harrison, 07, 745-1461.

FUNERAL BY PASTOR

Rose Justin Ohneck on September 29, 1980. Sympathy is extended to her mother, Jessie A. Ohneck, and her sisters and family.

APPRECIATION FOR CHEST FREEZER

Appreciation is expressed to Dan and Jo Flickinger for the used freezer for Pantry usage. It will be locked and used only for Pantry purposes.

TWO RESPONSES TO INVITATION

MRS. JULIA M. BICKNELL, 6103 Beaumont Drive, 25, 483-9142, identified with us in a transfer of membership from the First Christian Church in Linton, Indiana. She is employed by L.S. Ayres in Glenbrook and makes her home with Mrs. Wilberta Edgington.

MRS. BEV HUDLOW, 6950 Hiltonia, 19, 747-4849, came in a commitment of life to Jesus as Lord and Savior. She will be baptized during worship this coming Sunday. Her husband, Jim, is employed at ITT. She is a graduate of Wayne High School and is in the home with Heath and Wes, ages 5 and 3 respectively.

We rejoice in these decisions and are aware of many others who need to make a similar stand for Christ and the Church. Decisions are welcomed each Sunday.

PASTOR ON VACATION

Dr. Cline will be on vacation from Tuesday the 7th through Wednesday the 15th in the Dallas-Fort Worth area including Parents' Weekend at T.C.U.

CALL FOR SINGERS!

Thanksgiving music and the Christmas Cantata is on deck for Chancel Choir rehearsal. Join in singing Thursdays at 7:30 P.M. and Sundays at 10:45 A.M. Child Care is provided for both!

PANTRY NEEDS: SOUP, POWDERED MILK, TUNA, CANNED MEAT, CANNED FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

YOUTH NEWS

CHI RHO

Last week the Chi Rho continued their study on "Growing Up to Love", a Christian approach toward love, sex, relationships and marriage. We listened to a tape by Charlie Shedd, author of Letters to Philip and Letters to Karen, and had discussion afterwards.

Coming up SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, CHI RHO youth will have their first paper drive. There will be a truck in the parking lot that Saturday to receive old phone directories, newspaper and bulk paper.

Also, in November will be a Regional Chi Rho event. This event will be at North Christian Church in Columbus, Indiana from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. The cost will be $3.00 for lunch at the event plus a transportation fee. More information about the trip will be available later.

C.Y.F.

The CYF began their second section of the study "Frog Kissin'". Throughout the study the youth will be involved in small communication games, self-discovery Bible excercises, values clarification strategies and depth-sharing experiences. It is a lot of fun--come join us!

Coming this weekend, Sunday, October 5 the CYF YOUTH will be going on a boat cruise down the three rivers in Fort Wayne. Afterwards we will eat pizza. All CYF youth are encouraged to come and bring a friend. There are only 18 seats available on the boat so please call in for reservations. The price will be $3.00 with the church paying the other half.

In OCTOBER THERE WILL BE AN ALL-YOUTH HALLOWEEN PARTY for 6th-12th graders. The party will be Wednesday, October 29 at 6:30 P.M. The evening will include a potluck dinner, costume contests, films and games. This is for youth, parents, sponsors and teachers of youth. So begin working on your costume today! Put this event on your October calendar!

NEW CWF GROUP FORMING

We are striving to form a new CWF group for women not currently in a group. This will be an evening group. All women interested in such a group please come to a meeting at the home of Miriam Bixenman, 4430 Wilmette, on Monday evening, October 6 at 7:30 P.M. If you cannot possibly make this organizational meeting, but are interested, call 745-3365 and tell Miriam of your interest.

WE'RE CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY!

During the year of 1980 the Sunday School is 200 years old! We will be celebrating this event as well as honoring persons who have taught and are currently teaching in our Church School. Past and present teachers will be honored in both worship hours October 12. Following the 10:45 A.M. Worship Hour there will be a birthday dinner in Fellowship Hall. This is a potluck meal with birthday cake for dessert provided. A short program will be presented by our children.

YES GROUP, CANOEING & AREA MEET

The YES Group will be going canoeing this Saturday, October 4. The group will meet at Marlene Crouse's, 2302 Kenwood, and leave from there at 10:00 A.M. Those going should call Jaynie Jenkins, 485-2280, for food assignment.

The Area Disciple Singles group will have a kick-off potluck this Sunday at the home of Steve and Tana Harter, 4922 Knoll Road at 6:30 P.M. - Sunday the 5th. Call 747-4328 for making reservations.

PARTICIPATION IN WORSHIP

28 of 32 members of the Board of Trustees - 89%.

18 of 26 members of the Board of Elders - 69%.

26 of 39 members of the Board of Diaconate - 67%.

179 of 544 Participating Members - 33%.

We have one Sunday remaining of CHURCH LOYALTY MONTH. We believe that worship in our community is worthy of the participation of our membership!

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER
OCTOBER 5-11, 1980

Jean McGrew (5) Mildred Hogg (10)
Doug Rogers (5) Doris Koehlinger (11)
Earl Plummer (6) Robert Beachley (11)
Ruby Kolkman (7) Gary Parkerson (11)
Eileen Klepfer (8) Jim Taylor (11)
Joe Overmyer (9) Terry Speicher (11)
Melanie Tracey (9)
Bill Johnson (9)
Kathy Graham (10)
Candace Cole (10)

OVERSEAS STAFF FOR PRAYER IN OCTOBER: Norwood & Wilma Tye - Teachers in the Phillipines

CHALLENGE FOR GIVING

Our record of giving for the first three quarters of 1980 has put our congregation in a binding situation as can be seen:

Budget Needs	$ 127,413.00
Actual Giving	110,999.14
SHORTAGE	$ 16,413.86

This short fall has put us in the red by about $1,500. Beyond that we have withheld nearly a month of Outreach support and have limited other expenditures. One major factor has been the functioning without as Associate Pastor for eight months.

As we move into the final quarter our known bills will be high and we have our Associate. Thus, the Committee is saying it is crucial that we reach the $3,267 weekly needed average for this quarter even though we have not reached it since early in the year.

This calls for faithfulness and proportionate giving by the wide range of our congregation. Let us rise to the challenge that is before us in these final three months of 1980!

SEPTEMBER AVERAGES

Church Worship	272
Church School	137
Through-the-week ed.	36
Youth Fellowships	19
Budget Giving	$2,591.86

ADDITIONS DURING SEPTEMBER:

Gary & Becki Nunnally
Julia Bickness
Bev Hudlow

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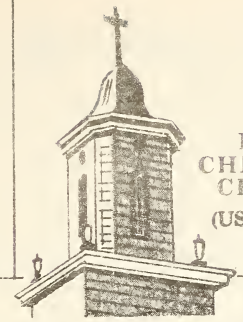

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SPECIAL EVENTS THIS SUNDAY HONORING CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS AND CELEBRATING THE 200TH BIRTHDAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

This Sunday, October 12, we will be celebrating the 200th birthday of Sunday School and honoring persons who have taught and are currently teaching in our Church School.

At both Morning Worship Hours, a special recognition service will honor teachers who have taught continuously in our Church School for 15 years or more. These persons names will be on a plaque which will hang permanently in the Hall of Memories just north of the Worship Nave. (NOTE: We have attempted to research this as carefully as possible. However, we know it is possible to forget someone. If anyone has been omitted, their names will be added. Also, we will continue to add persons names to this plaque as years go by.) Persons who have taught at any time during the past 15 years and current teachers and substitutes will also be recognized. Gary Nunnally, our Associate Pastor, will be preaching at both hours Sunday morning. His sermon title is: Christian Education; Commitment or Indecision. Scripture texts are John 7:14-18, and I John 4:7-12.

At 12:15 P.M. we will move to Fellowship Hall for an ALL-CHURCH FELLOWSHIP DINNER to celebrate the 200th Birthday of Sunday School. This event is sponsored by the Christian Education Committee. Persons need to bring covered dishes and table service. Birthday cake will be provided for dessert; rolls and drink will also be provided. A brief program is planned for immediately following dinner. This program will last about 15 minutes and will involve children from the Sunday School.

JOIN US SUNDAY TO HONOR AND CELEBRATE AN IMPORTANT MINISTRY OF OUR CHURCH -- THE CHURCH SCHOOL!

SERVING OCTOBER 12

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. George Bruckman and Mark Snyder

10:45 A.M. William Johnson and Joe Wiley

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. C. Olson-SW, E. Brown-NW, J. Franklin

10:45 A.M. J. Jump-SW, J. Bickel-NW, W. Bowen-SE, T. Harter-NE, K. Flickinger, B. Mettler, K. Crawford, B. Grimm

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, E. Snouffer

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson, B. Kerley, R. Hunt

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Karen & Ron Flickinger

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. M. Akers -
C. Rice - J. Briggs
G. Miller - M. Busse
M. Hartman - N. Lucas

NURSERY WORKERS

10:45 A.M. B. Glasgow, K. Byers

EXTENDED SESSION

NUR. II - L. Wiley
NUR. III -
K-1 - R. Krull

WEDDING BY PASTOR

David McComb and Lynn McVoy on 10/4/80. They are residing at 2102 Carterton Dr., 16, 447-2987.

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH

To Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Wagner, a daughter, April Dawn, on 8/2/80. Maternal grandmother is Carolyn Gardner.

RESPONSE TO INVITATION

JAMES A. HUDLOW, 6950 Hiltonia 19, 747-4849, identified in re commitment of life and transfe from South Wayne Baptist Church. His wife, Bev, made her confession a week ago and was baptized Sunday. Jim is Supervisor of Maintenance at ITT and takes night work at Purdue. He is a graduate of South Side and the father of Heath and Wes.

Other mention was made of commitment to be expressed shortly. Decisions in response to God's love and gift in Christ are welcomed each Sunday! If there are questions, contact either of the pastors.

A special class for interested persons who might consider a decision or who have recently done so will be held on the five Sundays of November during the Church School hour with Dr. Cline. Call the church office if interested - 744-3239.

Dear Christian Friends,

May I again express my sincere appreciation of your interest in me by your prayers, calls, cards, etc.

I also wish to extend sympathy to those who have had deaths in their families recently.

Homebound communion means much too.

God bless you all.

Sincerely,
Elna Taylor

RECONCILIATION OFFERING - $531.36 received to date! USE SPECIAL OR PEW ENVELOPES.

YOUTH NEWS

CHI RHO

Last Sunday was the last weekend for Bruce Lehman as Chi Rho sponsor. The youth had a snack-going away party for him. Bruce was Chi Rho sponsor for 4 years and we have appreciated his time and effort. We welcome Bill and Nancy Wyant as Chi Rho sponsors!

This Saturday, OCTOBER 11 CHI RHO YOUTH WILL HAVE A PAPER DRIVE All youth are encouraged to be here from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. There will be cars here to receive paper, old phone directories and bulk paper. Money received from paper sale will be used for service projects and outings planned for the months ahead.

For this Sunday's study session, Chi Rho will have a speaker, Ms. Linda Graham, a registered nurse, who will talk to us about peer pressure and expressing our personal feelings.

C.Y.F.

Last weeks cruise and pizza party was fun--we enjoyed ourselves!

This Sunday we will continue our study, "Frog Kissin". Through this study we can grow, reach out and become the new person God meant for us to be.

Remember the ALL-YOUTH HALLOWEEN PARTY for Wednesday, October 29. Time: 6:30 to 9:00 P.M. The evening will include a potluck dinner, costume contest, films and games. All youth (6-12th grades), Parents, sponsors and church school teachers are invited!

HELP IS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN!

One of the joys of First Christian is the 30 to 40 children each Sunday joining in the Children's Sermonette! The presence of the children is sending out a call for responsible adults. One aspect of our semi-annual dedication service for infants and parents is the commitment of the whole church for the spiritual undergirding of our children.

We need persons who will be willing to work on a monthly or some other regular basis for our Extended Session program. This goes beyond parently responsibility since many of the parents are in choir or teach Church School. Every adult needs to consider coming to the early Worship and then using their time and ability for our children in Extended Session.

All parents of children and all persons who might consider helping are invited to a special meeting next Monday, October 13 at 7:30 P.M. to explore this need. Pray and come next Monday the 13th!

GIVING CAN BE SUFFICIENT!

We rejoice in our giving of $4,478.46 for budget causes on Sunday! This exceeds our average weekly need. A study of 1980 Estimates of Giving last week indicated we could reach our Budget Goal if all would catch up. 140 Estimates of Giving were behind a total of $15,353.35 as of September 30th! The call is for many and all of us to pull together!

FOCUS ON THE FAMILY FILM - 7:00 P.M. "CHRISTIAN FATHERING"
Convenor-Leaders: Jack and Pam Bickel

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11
7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast
9:00 A.M. Chi Rho Paper Drive
10:00 A.M. Children's Bible Class

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12
8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
12:15 P.M. ALL-CHURCH DINNER HONORING 200 BIRTHDAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL
4:30 P.M. Bell Choir
5:30 P.M. Chi Rho & CYF
5:45 P.M. New Testament Class
7:00 P.M. Dobson Film Series

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13
1:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild, Lorea Kuhlman, 4125 Warsaw
7:30 P.M. Parent's Meeting

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14
11:30 A.M. Rebecca Group, Richard's Resturant
7:30 P.M. Deborah Group, Gini Brown, 4810 Tillman Rd.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15
5:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. Associated Churches sponsored seminar on Peace in our building including dinner

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir
7:30 P.M. Sherwood-Pettit Neighborhood Association

PANTRY NEEDS: POWDERED MILK
SOUP, CANNED FRUIT & VEGETABLES
JELLO, MACARONI DINNERS

CALL FOR HOUSING

Our hosting of the Woodhaven Handbell Choir calls for housing of 15 for Monday night, October 20. No special care or special diet is needed. Can be housed individually or in pairs. Call church office - 744-3239 or Sharon Pauley, 745-0925.

PARTICIPATION ON WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY OF PARTICIPATING MEMBERS

27 of 34 Board of Trustees - 79%
17 of 26 Board of Elders - 65%
27 of 39 Board of Diaconate - 69%
181 of 545 Participating Members - 33%

Loyalty to Christ would call us forth that we would consistently range above 50% of our Participating Members in worship each Lord's Day to find renewal at the Table of the Lord!

LIVING THE ADVENTURE

Requests have led to a new study group this fall on Monday afternoons beginning October 20 from 1:00 to 3:15 P.M. "LIVING THE ADVENTURE" is the title and is a follow-up of EDGE OF ADVENTURE. It will be led by Karen Flickinger. The materials cost $6 for reading bood and response manual. The study zeros in on some real difficulties of Christian living including loneliness, confession, money, power, secuality, uniqueness, success, change, and death.

To enroll, call the church office and indicate if child care is needed.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER
OCTOBER 12-18, 1980

Mamie Caldwell (12)
Anne Lee (12)
Charles Wrisk (12)
"Red" Howell (12)
Jim Bramel (14)
Lorea Kuhlman (14)
Edna Vaught (15)
Eric Baugher (16)
Herb Banet (17)
Lillian Breeden (17)
Ruth Ogles (17)
Fred Warner (18)
OVERSEAS STAFF: Norwood & Wilma Tye

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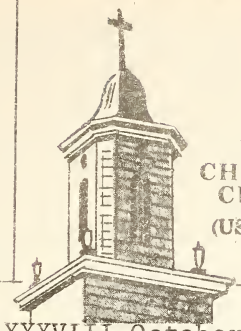

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WOODHAVEN HANDBELL CHOIR CONCERT

The Woodhaven Learning Center Handbell Choir will be with on MONDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 20 for a concert beginning at 7:30 P.M. The Choir is on tour and is making our church one of their stops. The concert will include music using the Handbells as well as vocal solos, and a solo on the musical saw!

The Woodhaven Learning Center, located in Columbia, Missouri, is an agency of the National Benevolent Association of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) which provides for the residential, educational, spiritual, and vocational needs of mentally retarded persons, including those with multiple handicaps. Opened in 1964, Woodhaven has served more than 500 persons in facilities that include 19 buildings on 105 acres.

The HANDBELL CHOIR started in 1972 when a set of English Handbells were given to the School. One of the members of the staff devised a way to teach mentally retarded persons to play the bells and the Choir has been performing ever since. They have traveled from Coast to Coast, North to South and to Canada. They played in the White House in 1973. They played at the General Assemblies in 1977 and 1979 and this summer played before the 6,000 delegates to the World Convention of the Churches of Christ in Hawaii.

This will be an outstanding experience for all of us. Bring your friends! A free will offering will be taken to help with expenses of the tour.

DINNER FOR THE CHOIR

There will be a potluck dinner in Fellowship Hall at 6:00 P.M. on Monday, October 20 for the Choir, their Host home families, the members of the Outreach & Service Committee and the Membership Committee.

HOUSING is still needed for about five to seven persons. They may be housed individually or in pairs. Call the church office if you are able to host choir members.

SERVING OCTOBER 19

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. William Franklin and Sam Hayes

10:45 A.M. Dean Widler and Janet Weicker

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. B. Pauley-SW, P. Yentes-NW, J. Hendricks, M. Hutchinson

10:45 A.M. M. Mullen-SW, P. Mullen-NW, M. Tobias-SE, L. York-NE, J. Stucky, G. Davis, G. Falbe, S. Grimm

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, T. Briggs

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson, G. Hosfield, J. Hudlow, S. Johnson

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Karen & Ron Flickinger

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Gladys Harshbarger & Lelia McBride

NURSERY WORKERS

10:45 A.M. N. Lucas & T. York

IN HOSPITAL

LUTHERAN:

411 - Mr. Harley Morphew

M-141 - Mrs. Mabel Cross

LET'S SEND BIRTHDAY GREETINGS:

Several of you have asked when Laura Peter's birthday is--it is October 23. Why not use this opportunity to write her a note, wish her birthday greetings, and express again our appreciation for her and her summers with us. Her address:

Laura Peter
Bethel College
Mishawaka, IN 46544

RESPONSE TO INVITATION

MS. DEBBIE STAM, 5016 Madiera Apt. E, 15, 493-2326, came Sunday in a transfer of membership from the North Christian Church, Columbus, Indiana. Debbie is a nurse in the Recovery Room at Parkview Hospital. She has a daughter, Michelle, who is 7. We rejoice in Debbie's decision to become a part of our community of faith!

SATURN CHRISTIAN CHURCH INVITES!

The Saturn Christian Church is having a Chicken 'n Biscut/ Ham 'n Bean Dinner October 18 from 5:00 to 8:00 P.M. A Free Will offering will be received for the meal. We hear the Saturn women are good cooks!

NORTH CHRISTIAN GIVES TO PANTRY

We are deeply grateful to our sister church, North Christian, for their recent gift of items for our food Pantry. We appreciate their sharing in this vital, ongoing ministry of our congregation!

PANTRY NEEDS:

POWDERED MILK
OATS
CRACKERS
FRUIT COCKTAIL
CANNED MEAT

(Food for the PANTRY may be left in the box marked "Pantry" in Fellowship Hall. Money gifts for purchasing food in large amounts at wholesale prices is always welcome. Be sure to mark clearly any money gifts for the PANTRY.)

WE HAVE A REFUGEE FAMILY!!

Our Refugee Family moved into their spartment on Saturday. We are sponsoring a six member family. The father is 52. His name is La Southivong. There are two daughters, Saleum, who is 23 and Nanila, age 21. Saleum has an 8 month old baby, Anorah. There are two boys, Kamonh, age 17, and Mongkhonah (called Joe), age 8.

They are living at 114 Wildwood. We are getting them settled and helping them find employment.

We still need some items to help furnish their home and provide adequate clothing. If you have any of these items or can supply them, please call the church office or Pam Bickel, 456-7496. BLANKETS (for twin beds and full or queen sized bed), a LIVING ROOM CHAIR, LAUNDRY BASKET, MOP and BROOM, SMALL END TABLES, TABLE LAMPS (that are working plus shades), IRON, WASHER, WASH CLOTHS, JACKETS (for small men and women). MONEY FOR THE REFUGEE FUND IS STILL NEEDED! BE SURE SUCH GIFTS ARE CLEARLY MARKED!

DISCIPLES SINGLES FELLOWSHIP

Area Disciples Singles (adults-all ages) will be going on a HAYRIDE Saturday, November 1. We will meet at Saturn Christian at 7:30 P.M. and go to Wagners Woods near the Saturn church. Cost is $1.00. Notify Linda Wilburn by Friday, October 24 if going. Bring a friend!

TEACHERS HONORED LAST SUNDAY

As part of the Celebration of the 200th Birthday of the Sunday School teachers were honored during both worship hours last Sunday. Special recognition was given to persons who have taught (and in some instances are still teaching) in our Church School continuously for 15 years or more. These names were imprinted on a plaque which will hang in the Hall of Memories north of the Worship Nave. Names on the plaque are:

Judge William Ballou, Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Coar, Mr. Harold Crowder, Mrs. Charles Dare, Dr. I.W. Ditton, Mrs. Max Finkhousen, Mr. Harry Hiler, Mrs. George Myers, Mr. Hugh Rice, Mr. Rolland Ripple, Mr. Alfred Schell, Mr. Jack Weicker, Miss Fay Woodhull, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Woodhull, Mrs. Hendricks Love, Mrs. Ollie Swinehart, Mr. W.J. Williams, Mrs. James Hirschy, Mrs. Sarah Likens.

(Note: Because records were sketchy in some years, if others should be included in this list please notify the church office immediately.)

Church School is a vital ministry of the church and we especially appreciate all those persons who have and continue to share in this ministry by teaching!

FIRST CHRISTIAN HANDBELL CHOIR

Youth Handbell Choir needs more youth! Choir is composed of both Chi Rho and CYF youth. It meets at 4:30 on Sunday in the Youth Lounge. The fellowship is great! Plans for 1981 include a tour. Won't you try it?

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

10:00 A.M. Children's Bible Class
8:00 P.M. Chi Rho to Haunted House

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
Dr. Cline, preaching
9:30 A.M. Church School
4:30 P.M. Bell Choir
5:30 P.M. Chi Rho and CYF
5:45 P.M. New Testament Class
7:00 P.M. Dobson Film Series

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20

1:00 P.M. Living the Adventure Class
6:00 P.M. Potluck Dinner for Choir/Host Families/Outreach & Service & Membership Committees
7:30 P.M. WOODHAVEN HANDBELL CHOIR CONCERT

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER
OCTOBER 19-25, 1980

Steve Harter (20)
Deanna Roseberry (20)
Leotha Jones (21)
Rebecca Patton (21)
Bill Love (22)
Paula Meadows (23)
Don Pomeroy (23)
Dawn Ketner (24)
Tom Mathis (25)
OVERSEAS STAFF: Norwood & Wilma Tye, the Philippines

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YOUTH NEWS

CHI RHO

Saturday, October 18, at 8:00 P.M. the Chi Rho will go to the March of Dimes HAUNTED HOUSE! The youth will meet at the church and return around 9:30 P.M. depending on the crowd at the House. Price is $1.00 per youth. Bring a friend!

A special event is planned for Chi Rho NOVEMBER 8. This is the REGIONAL CHI RHO EVENT at North Christian Church in Columbus, Indiana. All area Disciple Churches are going together to charter a bus to take us down and back. Cost to each youth is $8.35 (the church will pay additional $8.35) Included in this price is transportation down and back and a $3.00 lunch there. We will be hosting Area I Chi Rho youth in the church on Friday night since we must leave at 6:30 A.M. on Saturday morning. We will return to Fort Wayne around 6:30 P.M. on Saturday. More in the mail!

CYF

The CYF will be making a special trip to the HAUNTED HOUSE this month too. Time and date will be available later.

FOR ALL YOUTH --

Remember the YOUTH-PARENT HALLOWEEN PARTY OCTOBER 29! All Chi Rho and CYF youth, parents, sponsors and Sunday morning Church School teachers are invited. Bring something for the pot luck dinner. There will be game, scary movies, and a costume contest. Don't miss it!

DOBSON FILM "PREPARING FOR ADOLESCENSE: THE ORIGINS OF SELF-DOUB

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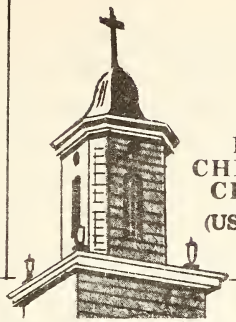

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25
7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26
8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
4:30 P.M. Bell Choir
5:30 P.M. Chi Rho
5:45 P.M. New Testament Class
7:00 P.M. FOCUS ON THE FAMILY
FILM: "PREPARING FOR ADOLESCENCE: PEER PRESSURE AND SEXUALITY"
MONDAY, OCTOBER 27
1:00 P.M. Living the Adventure
7:30 P.M. Worship & Pastoral Relations Committee
7:30 P.M. Christian Education Committee
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28
12:00 Noon D.M.A. Potluck
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29
6:30 P.M. Youth, Parents, Sponsors, Teacher Halloween Party
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS: CRACKERS, POWDERED MILK, CANNED MEAT, APPLESAUCE, FRUIT COCKTAIL, NOODLES

REFORMATION SUNDAY

Though our congregation as a part of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has a basic rootage in an American reformation in the early 1800's we are celebrating the heritage which we share from the classical Protestant reformation of the sixteenth century. Reformation Sunday helps us reaffirm our background of focus on salvation by faith, centrality of Scriptures, and the priesthood of all believers.

Dr. Cline will be preaching on "OUR REFORMATION HERITAGE." Read in preparation Paul's essay on the Gospel which had such an impact on Martin Luther--Romans, chapters on through eight. We will be singing the powerful hymn of Luther, "A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD." Our Chancel Choir will sing an anthem based on Issac Watts hymn, "O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST." Special music both hours will be by Karen and Christa Rogers. The Children's Choir will sing at 10:45.

Join in worship to bring life in greater harmony with God and His desires! Find the joy of life united with Him! Encourage others by your presence! Bring others to find life and wholeness and salvation in Jesus the Lord!

SERVING OCTOBER 26

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Rolland Ripple and Mildred Hartman

10:45 A.M. Glenn Miller and Bert Leversee

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. R. Johnson-SW, E. Brown, C. Olson

10:45 A.M. M. Callahan-SW, N. Lucas-NW, V. Taylor-SE, P. Mullen-NE, K. Rogers, R. Flickinger, T. Harter, L. Finkhousen

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, Tony & Tim Evans

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson, J. Glasgow, S. White, T. York

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. R. Church-J. Franklin
W. Johnson - S. Knuckles
C. Rice - E. Brown
M. Snyder - M. Mullen

COMMUNION PREPARATION

B. Pauley - J. Stucky

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Ken & Elinor Place

NURSERY WORKERS

10:45 A.M. C. Falbe, Julie Briggs

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN; M-121 - Mrs. Mabel Cross
M-118 - Mrs. Anna Taylor

ST. JOSEPH: 472 - Mr. Ralph Reynolds
707 - Mr. Monty Tobias

RECONCILIATION OFFERING

$579.36 has been received to date. Gifts will still be received in the special envelopes of the offering sets or in the pews.

DECISION FOR CHRIST

MRS. SHARON A. CHRISTOULES, 482 Montrose, 46806, 456-5880, made commitment to Christ and was baptized on October 17. She is part-time nurse for Upjohn Healt Care. Her husband, Mitch, is employed by Lincoln Life Insurance. They have a daughter, Elizabeth Anne, in the home who is 4½. We rejoice in this commitment withi our community of faith!

REGULAR GIVING NEEDED SUNDAY!

Our Budget giving dropped to $2,274.05 last Sunday which means that our minimum needed to finish October on schedule for the 26th is $3,166.06. It is a must that we are consistently at our budget need of $3,267 weekly. Some catch-up giving started October strongly--let us finish strongly!

D.M.A. FOR OCTOBER

The D.M.A. will have a potluck meal at 12:00 noon next Tuesday, the 28th. All retirees, widows, widowers, or over 60 are invited! Paul Waugh will be showing his 16 mm movie entitled, "LIFE'S ADVENTURES."

MEMBER MOVES TO MARION

Steven Hall is now residing at 309 Brinker Drive, Marion, Indiana, 46952 - 317-664-9333. He was transferred with I & M from Fort Wayne to Marion. Congratulations on the new job and in your new community!

SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OCTOBER 7

Action on recommendations from Committees at the Board of Trustees meeting included action on a request from the Worship & Pastoral Relations Committee that the Director of Music be allowed $10 to $15 to be used when Guest Soloists from outside our congregation are used for a Sunday morning worship service. This might not happen often, but reimbursement for travel expenses for rehearsals and singing was allowed. (NOTE: Anyone wishing to donate toward this fund may do so being sure to mark it "solo fund".) The Stewardship Committee recommended that we use the Pony Express #2 methodology to secure estimates of giving for the 1981 fiscal year. The Stewardship resource, COMM-PAC will be used in the fall of 1981 for securing estimates for 1982 giving.

Reports from committees included the announcement by the Outreach-Service Committee of our taking a Refugee family that was already in Fort Wayne. They are the family of La Southivong. The family is now settled in the apartment rented for them at 114 W. Wildwood. (Note: giving to the REFUGEE FUND is still needed as we continue to support this family until they can become self sustaining. Any giving to this fund should also be clearly marked.)

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be November 4.

YOUTH NEWS

CHI RHO

This week the Chi Rho youth will continue their study on "Growing Up to Love." We will be discussing how society views love, state laws, magazines, television, and other media.

CYF

This week there will be no CYF meeting on Sunday evening due to the large number of youth going to the Regional Assembly. Beginning November 2, CYF will meet at 5:30 P.M. Handbell Choir at 4:30 P.M.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

The YOUTH-PARENT HALLOWEEN PARTY is Wednesday, October 29, at 6:30 P.M. All youth (6th-12 graders), parents, youth sponsors, and youth church school teachers are invited. The meal is a Potluck--those names that end in A - H need to bring a meat dish, I - Q bring a vegetable, R - Z bring a salad, dessert and drinks will be provided. The evening will also include scary movies, games and costume contests.

DINNERS OF EIGHT

Letters were mailed in mid September for October and November Dinners of 8. Will you please call the church office and notify concerning results of the October meal? Since the November listing was on the original letters, hosts and hostesses for November need to set dates now for their groups.

OPEN INVITATION TO C.W.F. GROUP

Miss Carolyn Barricklow, a missionary to Japan, is to give the program at the next meeting of the Naomi Group of the C.W.F., Monday, November 3, at 1:00 P.M. in the Church Parlor. All are invited. Miss Barricklow, of Rising Sun, Indiana, is now on leave "back home in Indiana". She will show pictures and tell of her four years of work in the Hiroshima area. Bring a guest with you. Carolyn is the niece of the Rices!

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER
OCTOBER 26 - NOVEMBER 1, 1980

J. Fred Smell (26)
Carolyn (Ripple) Bernhard (27)
Susan Jones (28)
Dawn Stearns (28)
Debbie Rinker (29)
Jeff Grier (30)
Ben Taylor (30)
Gary Falbe (31)
Helen Foltz (31)
August Mueller (31)
Jim Shirley (31)
Shari Eme (1)
Herdis Helmuth (1)
Coleen Wilcoxson (1)
Joe Wiley (1)
Violet Wuthrich (1)
OVERSEAS STAFF: Norwood & Wilma Tye

REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Youth are taking a major role of our participation in the Indiana Regional Assembly of the Christian Churches. Participatints in the Indiana Disciples Evangelism Assembly on Friday morning are Ralph & Judy Church, Gary & Becki Nunnally, Harold & Ruby Cline, Virginia Johnson and Julie Cook, Sherri Melchi, Laura Sauerwein, Tim and Sharon Knuckles, Scott Johnson, and Tim Briggs. Coming down for the regular Assembly which opens Friday afternoon are Pam Bickel, Miriam Bixenman, Barbara Short and Mai Pauley.

WEEK OF COMPASSION REPORTS

In the earthquate in Algeria 250,000 people were affected. (Estimated 20,000 dead, 50,000 injured.)

Within first three days, seven planes carried blankets, clothing, medical supplies, surgical kits, and sleeping bags. Send by Danschurchaid, Christian Aid of England, churches of Germany, and Dutch Interchurch Aid. Church World Service will send $125,000 from member demoninations. It has already responded through the disaster fund you make possible through gifts to Week of Compassion.

This is not an appeal. We are reporting to you that your giving does cound and work for you!

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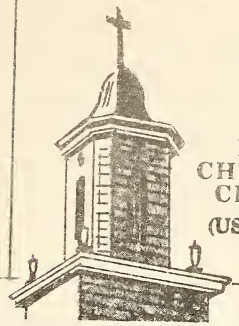

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1
7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast
7:30 P.M. DSF Hayride (see p. 3)
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2
8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
4:30 P.M. Bell Choir
5:30 P.M. Chi Rho & CYF
5:45 P.M. New Testament Class
7:00 P.M. DOBSON FILM SERIES
7:00 P.M. DSF at North Christian
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3
10:00 A.M. Study Group
1:00 P.M. Living the Adventure
1:00 P.M. Naomi Group hosting special meeting with missionary
6:30 P.M. Mary Magdalene Group, Pat Norman, 2027 Carterton
7:30 P.M. Outreach & Service Committee
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4
9:00 A.M. Ruth Group, Ruby Johns, 1635 Spring St.
7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5
7:30 P.M. Membership Committee
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS:
POWDERED MILK, CANNED MEAT, CANNED FRUIT, CRACKERS, SOUP

T_H_A_N_K_S_G_I_V_I_N_G

This month of November moves us into that delightful emphasis of gratitude and thanksgiving. This is one of the basic thrusts of worship week by week. Our singing and choir will highlight this theme throughout the month.

One expression of Thanksgiving will be the weekly bringing of foodstuffs into worship to undergird our FOOD PANTRY. This ministry of providing emergency food for families upon referral needs the special focus of our gifts, such as CANNED MEAT: Beef stew, manhandler soups, spaghetti & meat balls, tuna, ravioli, all kinds of CANNED SOUP; CANNED VEGETABLES: peas, green beans, corn, beets, tomatoes, pork and beans; CANNED FRUIT: peaches, fruit cocktail, pears, plums, grapefruit; GRAINS: rice, macaroni, breakfast cereals, spaghetti, PAPER: toilet tissue, towels, facial tissue; MISCELLANEOUS: dried milk, instant potatoes, jelly, peanut butter, potatoes. Our Chancel Area will be decorated to receive gifts throughout November.

Our spirit of thanksgiving in all circumstances will be highlighted in worship in November. Join in Thanksgiving through worship each Sunday in November!

SERVING NOVEMBER 2

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Judy Church and George Bruckman

10:45 A.M. Miriam Bixenman and Janet Weicker

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. T. Sauerwein-SE, J. Hendricks-NW, E. Brown, M. Busse

10:45 A.M. M. Tobias-SW, K. Crawford-NW, B. Mettler-SE, J. Jump-NE, G. Falbe, L. York, M. Mullen, W. Bowen

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, D. Pomeroy

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson, G. Bozarth, B. Wyant

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Bob Pauley and Jim Stucky

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Monty & Phyllis Tobias

NURSERY WORKERS

10:45 A.M. L. Jump & E. Zimmerman

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: 690 Mrs. Dessie Buchman
630 Mr. Harley Morphew
M121 - Mrs. Mabel Cross

ST. JOSEPH: 472 Mr. Ralph Reynolds

THANKS YOUS:

Thanks for prayers, calls, and cards while I was in the hospital recently. Especially thank Harold, Gary, and Dean Widler for their faithful calls.

Arthur Mowery

Dear Members & Friends of First Christian Church,

I would like to thank everyone who sent cards, visited, and prayed for me while I was in the hospital.

Love,
Monty Tobias

MEN'S BREAKFAST THIS SATURDAY

All men are invited at 7:00 A.M. this Saturday for the final study of AN ACTIVE MAN AND THE CHRIST, breakfast, and prayers. In two weeks, on the 15th, a new study will begin.

CALLING FOR HELP!

SINGERS - Chancel Choir Rehearsal each Thursday at 7:30 P.m. and Sundays at 10:45 A.M. COME!

TEACHERS FOR CHILDREN - Lead Teacher for Grades 2 & 3 every other month. Assistant Teachers for Kindergarten/First Grade - CALL GARY NUNNALLY!

OCTOBER AVERAGES

Worship	262
Church School	118
Through-the-Week	120
Youth Fellowships	21
Budget Giving	$2,995.22

ADDITIONS DURING OCTOBER:
Jim Hudlow, Debbie Stamm, and Sharon Christoules

NEW CWF GROUP

A new CWF Group has been formed of those not in a group. They are calling themselves the Mary Magdalene Group (they do not feel perfect and are in the process of becoming more dedicated in their walk with Jesus.) The group will meet on the first Monday of each month at 6:30 P. M. The meeting on November 3 is at the home of Pat Norman, 2027 Carterton. Becky Stucky will lead the study on Ephesians. Pat Norman will lead worship. Any interested woman is cordially invited.

YOUTH NEWS

CHI RHO

This Sunday the Chi Rho will continue their study on "Growing Up To Love" focusing on Personal Relationships and Sex. This Sunday we will have a guest speaker, Ms. Carole Green from the Mental Health Association She will present a film entitled, "Getting Closer." This film aims at helping to see that feelings of anxiety about interacting with persons of the other sex are universal and normal. So, don't miss this very good and interesting discussion and film.

Another item for CHI RHO: November 8 is the CHI RHO REGIONAL EVENT to be held at North Christian Church in Columbus, Indiana. WE WILL NOT BE TAKING A BUS! We will leave our parking lot at 6:30 A.M. November 8 and return around 6:30 P.M. We will be taking cars and the price for the trip is $5.00 ($2.00 for gas and $3.00 for lunch there). Those going need to send their parent approval form and the $5.00 by November 3.

CYF

This Sunday the CYF will finish the study, "Frog Kissin'". Our last session will be goal setting. We will be doing some personal and group goal setting for the year ahead. Come and join as we become a close, friendly, and unified youth group.

NEW SING TIME

Beginning this Sunday both Chi Rho and CYF will have a sing time before we split into our individual groups. We will be using The Genesis Songbook which is full of contemporary, folk, and gospel songs. GENESIS-NEW BEGINNINGS. Someone has said, "Life is an endless series of new beginnings, abrupt changes and new affirmations. To be alive spiritually is to be able to change, adapt, move, drop-out and start all over again and again." (Genesis Songbook, p. 1). This song-book will help us to see how we got where we are, how we can change and where we are going spiritually as individuals and as youth groups.

DISCIPLES SINGLES FELLOWSHIP

Singles (all ages) are invited to a HAY-RIDE This Saturday, November 1. We will meet at Saturn Christian (take Covington Rd. to Co. Line Rd., turn left to 800S, turn right about a mile to Saturn Church). Cost is $1.00. Dress warmly and bring blankets. Also, the regular DSF meeting will be Sunday, November 2 at North Christian at 7:00 P.M. We will be studying the book "The One and Only You" by Bruce Larson along with refreshments and games. Bring a friend! A time of fun and fellowship! See you there!!!

HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE HALLOWEEN!

CONCERN FOR GIVING

A month ago, comment was made that it was very necessary to reach our weekly budgeted goal of $3,267 during these final three months of 1980. After beginning October strongly the first two Sundays, low giving on the 19th and 26th took our average $272 below our needs for the four Sundays. Thus we need to catch up this $1,088 during November as well as be up to $3,267 weekly. May all be giving regularly and proportionately!

IMPORTANT MEETINGS:

OUTREACH COMMITTEE - 7:30 P.M., Monday, November 3

BOARD OF TRUSTEES - 7:30 P.M., Tuesday, November 4

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE - 7:30 P.M., Wednesday, November 5

EVANGELISM and CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEES - 7:30 P.M., Monday, November 10

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE - 7:30 P.M., Tuesday, November 11

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER
NOVEMBER 2-8, 1980

Judy Church (2)
Audrey Corkwell (2)
Bill Wyant (3)
Jack Brickley (3)
Ron Feaser (3)
Bruce Finkhousen (4)
Marie Pritchard (4)
Ruth Stone (4)
Al Pattengale (5)
John Phillips (5)
Tony York (5)
Martha Christy (5)
Teresa (Gardner) Wagner (6)
Ennis Brown (6)
Jeannette Grier (6)
Ruby Boxell (7)
Cindy (Hunt) Moriarity (7)
Jim Evans (7)
Pam Bickel (8)
Ingrid (von Buchler) Mosier (8)

FOCUS ON THE FAMILY

Our Sunday evening film series changes to a new area of concern in the basic relationship of husband and wife. Come this Sunday evening for the film, WHAT WIVES WISHED THEIR HUSBANDS KNEW ABOUT WOMEN: THE LONELY HOUSEWIFE" Showing at 7:00 P.M. Discussion will follow. Jim and Leesa Jump are leaders. This is a good opportunity to bring guests and visitors.

NEW MEMBER'S INQUIRER'S CLASS

This Sunday at 9:30 A.M. during Church School Dr. Cline is beginning a five week study for older youth or adults considering a commitment of life to Christ or the church. Basics of the Gospel, Christian faith and commitment, the Disciples of Christ, confession, baptism, and the Lord's Supper will be discussed. This is for recent new members or prospective members.

The class will meet in Room 200 which is the Pastor's Study. It would be helpful if participants would notify the office in advance.

INVITATIONS TO WOMEN:

Monday, November 1, is the date for the special meeting hosted by the Naomi Group of CWF with Miss Carolyn Barricklow as speaker. Miss Barricklow, who is the neice of the Cecil & Hugh Rice families and has completed a tour as missionary in Japan will speak. Meeting is in the parlor.

World Community Day luncheon - West Creighton Christian, November 7. Cost - $2.50.

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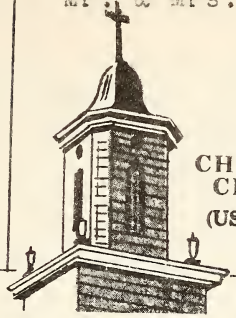

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8
6:30 A.M. Chi Rho leaves for Columbus

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9
8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
4:00 P.M. Youth Officers & Sponsors Meeting
4:30 P.M. Bell Choir
5:30 P.M. Chi Rho & CYF
5:45 P.M. New Testament Class
7:00 P.M. DOBSON FILM SERIES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10
1:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild, Mildred Hutchinson, 422 Oakdale
7:30 P.M. Evangelism Committee
7:30 P.M. Education Committee

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11
11:30 A.M. Rebecca Group, Bandinos' Resturant, 7510 Winchester
7:30 P.M. Stewardship Committee
7:30 P.M. Deborah Group, Library Susan Knuckles, hostess

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12
7:00 P.M. Extended Session Workshop
7:30 P.M. Martha Group, Marlene Crouse, 2302 Kenwood

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13
9:15 A.M. Rachel Group, Library
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS: POWDERED MILK, CANNED MEAT, CANNED FRUIT, NOODLES, CRACKERS

"'GO. . .SPEAK TO THE PEOPLE, AND TELL THEM ABOUT THIS NEW LIFE AND ALL IT MEANS.'"

These were the instructions of the messenger of God to the apostles upon their release from prison in Acts 5:20. They stand as a basic directive for the church at all times and places.

Some of the key words of this new life such as personal salvation, comfort, resurrection, stewardship, social relevance, judgment and evangelism will be highlighted in sermons by Dr. Cline until the end of 1980. The opening sermon of the series was well-received last Sunday. Come and invite others on these final Sundays of 1980!

11/2 - "CHRIST BRINGS SALVATION TO LIFE" Titus 3:4-7; 11-14
11/9 - "COMFORT, COMFORT, MY PEOPLE" Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11, 28-31; 42:9b, 10, 13, 14b; Matthew 5:4, 9:36; James 5:11.
11/16 - "LIFE NOT DEATH IS OUR GOAL" I Peter 1:3-21, I Corinthians 15:1-58
11/23 - Thanksgiving sermon preached by Gary Nunnally
11/30 - "GIVING AS A STYLE OF LIFE" II Corinthians 8 & 9

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SERVING NOVEMBER 9

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Mildred Hartman and Charles Ludwig

10:45 A.M. Miriam Bixenman and Dean Widler

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. R. Johnson-SW, J. Young-NW, B. Pauley, P. Yentes

10:45 A.M. K. Flickinger-SW, V. Taylor-NW, K. Rogers-SE, J. Briggs-NE, M. Callahan, S. Knuckles, L. Finkhousen, J. Bickel

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith E. Snouffer

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson, B. Kerley, R. Hunt

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Monty Tobias and Mike Mullen

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. M. Akers - T. Sauerwein

G. Bruckman - K. Crawford

S. Hayes - E. Brown

B. Short - K. Rogers

NURSERY WORKERS

10:45 A.M. L. Jump, S. Kerley

EXTENDED SESSION

NUR. II - C. Akers

NUR. III - T. & N. Harter

K-1 - K. Rogers, M. Byers

COFFEE HOUR HOST

Carole Overmyer

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN: M121 Mrs. Mabel Cross

ST. JOSEPH:

421 Mrs. Genevieve Ripple

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED:

To Jim Jump and family in the death of his grandmother on Thursday of last week.

To Edith Varner and family in the death of her mother last week.

DECISIONS FOR CHRIST SUNDAY

L. FRED GASKILL, 5007 S. Harrison, 07, 745-1461, made his confession of faith and was baptized Sunday. He recently married Viola Sievers of our congregation and is retired from Fort Wayne Window and Maintenance.

CHARLES A. HARSHBARGER, 2535 N. Sherman, 08, 483-2392, similarly made his commitment in word and deed to Christ as Lord. He is the husband of Gladys who united with us about a year and a half ago. He is retired from G.E.

We welcome these men in the bond of life in Jesus as Lord and Savior! We rejoice that others are contemplating decisions shortly.

FUNERALS OF MEMBERS

Harley G. Morphew - on 11/1/80. Harley had been a member since 1962 and had been down for some time. Sympathy is extended to his wife, Marie, and his daughter, Ruth Myers.

Dessie V. Buchman - on 11/2/80. Dessie had been a member here since 1976. Sympathy is extended to her son, Marshall, and Gloria Yoder, a niece with whom she shared a home.

THANKS TO THE CHOIR!

Our choir has been a thrill and a lift to worship--last Sunday the Anthem was a powerful message in and of itself. Thanks to our choir singers and leaders!

YOUTH NEWS

CHI RHO

This Sunday, Chi Rho will continue their study on "Growing Up To Love," focusing in on Personal Relationships and Sex. Plan to come, its going to be a very informative session.

Another item for Chi Rho: This Saturday, November 8 is the CHI RHO REGIONAL EVENT at North Christian Church, Columbus, Indiana. We will be leaving our parking lot at 6:30 A.M. November 8 and return around 6:30 P.M. We will be taking cars and the price for the trip is $5.00 ($2.00 for gas and $3.00 for lunch there). Those who are interested need to send or bring their parent approval form and $5.00 in now. Do not wait too long or it will be too late to go!!

CYF

This Sunday the CYF will finish the study, "Frog Kissin'". Our last session will be goal setting. We will be doing some personal and group goal setting for the year ahead. Come and join us as we become a close, friendly, and unified youth group.

PLANNING SESSION

ALL CHI RHO AND CYF OFFICERS, (President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer) and Youth Sponsors will have a meeting at 4:00 P.M. this Sunday, November 9 in the Associate Pastor's study. We will be discussing our November and December calendar. This meeting is VERY IMPORTANT, all youth officers are requested to attend.

GIVING FOR OTHERS

$650 was sent this week as our Reconciliation offering for the year from our special giving on World Communion Sunday. This enables ministries of healing and help in urban America.

$300 was also sent to Woodhaven Christian Learning Center as our offering for the Bell Choir who delighted us with their concert on October 20.

$67 was given to the Gideons for their work in Biblical distribution as gifts when a special report was given on October 26th.

Thanks to all who gave to enable these expressions of love!

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER NOVEMBER 9-15, 1980

Emma Schell (9)
Marilyn McDougle (11)
Beth Schilling (11)
Diane Miller (11)
Linda Lou Breeden (13)
Linda Eich (13)
Leon Johns (13)
Shirley Callahan (13)
Melissa Orr (14)
Jim Hudlow (14)

LAST IN DOBSON FILM SERIES - "WHAT WIVES WISH THEIR HUSBANDS KNEW ABOUT WOMEN: SEX, MONEY & CHILDREN"

Last week's film was excellent! Come this week for the final in this series!

SERMONS (from page one)

12/7 - "'TELL THE CHURCH TO GO TO HELL'" Luke 1:46-55; 4:18-19; Matthew 5:1-16

12/14 - "REPENT, THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS AT HAND" Matthew 3:1-17; John 3:16-21; 5:19-24

12/21 - Christmas Sunday Sermon at 8:15 by Gary Nunnally; Christmas Cantata at 10:45 A.M.

12/28 - "SEEKING AND SAVING THE LOST" - Luke 19:1-10; Matthew 10: 1-42.

NEW F.C.C. BANNER

Our Hallway of Memories has hanging in it our new church banner. This was first displayed with other congregations at the recent Regional Assembly. We thank Linda Wiley and Elsie Widler for designing and making this beautiful embroidered banner for our congregation!

WEDDING OF MEMBER

Laverne Hunt of our congregation was married to Bernard Morrison on October 23 at First Christian Church in Atlanta, Georgia. They will be residing in a couple of months in their new home at 1462 Esther Ct, Riverdale, GA 30274. Along with this move of Laverne and Randy is that of Laverne's daughter Cindy. Mike and Cindy Moriarty now reside at Post Ridge Apartments, 1805 Roswell Rd, Marietta, GA 30062. Randy will be transferring from IUPU, FW to West Georgia College after the fall term.

CALL FOR PINE CONES

Pine cones are needed for the CWF Christmas workshop on Saturday, November 22. A receptacle for them will be by the south entry way.

FACING REALITY

Our local congregational operating account was $1,931.09 in the red as of the end of October. This is a major concern which needs to be rectified with the coming heating bills and the annual insurance payment during December.

Giving needs to be in proportion to our commitment to God and our resources available. It must reflect the inflated money scene of our present day.

As we began October, the Stewardship and Finance Committee underscored our need to be on target weekly with giving averaging $3,267. Notice the five week record:

Needed	$ 16,335
Received	15,367
Shortage	968

We are aware of hardship on the part of certain families because of unemployment. Yet, we know that a tithe on the part of our membership either on the basis of welfare or unemployemnt coverage would exceed our budget needs. May we make the commitment to give as we have received!

CALL FOR FOOD IN WORSHIP!

During November we invite members and friends to bring food our our Food Pantry and place it at the Chancel cornucopia (We thank Elinor Place for this Thanksgiving decoration). This may be placed there during the offering after the plate has passed your pew. This is one way of THANKSGIVING to enable ministry of food to our needy.

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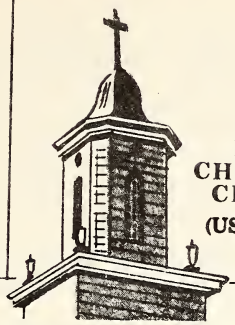

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15
7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast
9:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon - Extended Session Workshop
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16
8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
4:30 P.M. Bell Choir
5:30 P.M. Chi Rho and CYF
6:45 P.M. New Testament Class
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17
10:00 A.M. Study Group
:00 P.M. Living the Adventure
:30 P.M. Area I Board Meeting at Saturn Christian Church
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20
:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

ANTRY NEEDS: SOUP, CANNED MEAT, TUNA, CANNED FRUIT, CEREAL, PEANUT BUTTER
LSO NEED: Plastic Containers, Small Jars

THANKSGIVING

A LIVING LORD

Our worship will focus on the event of Christ's resurrection as a basis of thanksgiving this Sunday the 16th. All are invited to join in the celebration of the life and resurrection which are in Jesus Christ.

Sometimes we focus so much on the close at hand that we miss the real point. For instance, it is east at communion time to thank God for the broken bread and cup when the real point of thanksgiving at the Table is for Jesus Christ and especially for him in his death and resurrection. Bread and wine are meaningless apart from the gift of God in Jesus. He is the one for whom we are thankful and praise God with heart and soul and mind and strength.

The heart of our faith is the overwhelming Good News that Jesus is risen--Jesus lives--Jesus is victorious--Jesus is Lord. Jesus rings us and relates us with God for the most meaningful possible human xistence and for the assurance of hope in the incident of God's eternal dventure which we call death.

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SERVING NOVEMBER 16

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Mark Snyder and Mildred Hartman

10:45 A.M. Janet Weicker and William Johnson

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. B. Briggs-SW, C. Olson-NW, E. Brown, J. Franklin

10:45 A.M. R. Flickinger-SW, P. Mullen-NW, H. Stevenson-SE, S. Grimm-NE, G. Davis, J. Jump, N. Lucas, W. Bowen

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, T. Briggs

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson, G. Hosfield, J. Hudlow, S. Johnson

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K - 1 - K. Rogers & M. Byers

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Eunice Conrad and Sally Rudy

IN HOSPITALS

PARKVIEW - 308 Mrs. Frances Perez (mother of Mary Novachcoff and Sylvia Smith)

TO HEALTH CARE CENTER:

Mrs. Mabel Cross is now in Room 316 of the Fairfield Health Care Center, 2626 S. Fairfield.

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED:

To Connie Wells and family in the death of her brother last week.

DECISIONS AT INVITATION

MR. and MRS. BERNARD NORMAN, 2027 Carterton, 16, 447-2219, re-identified with us in a transfer of membership from First Christian Church of West Palm Beach, Florida. Bernie is back in town employed by Indiana University DGTS and Pat is Free Lancing Newsletters. Jeannie is a third grader at Southwick and Aaron is now four. We welcome Bernie and Pat back among us!

THANKS TO CHURCH

The family of Harley Morphew acknowledges with deep appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

"I wish to thank both the pastors and friends of the church--for their visits and cards--during my stay in the hospital."

Ralph H. Reynolds

Dear Members and Friends of First Christian Church:

The flowers were lovely. Kindness and concern shown to me after mother's death and funeral was indeed appreciated.

Sincerely,

M.H. Buchman, M.D.

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED:

To Bill and Marvin Crouse in the death of their brother, Leo, in Anderson on 11/7. He was also the father of Armella Newman and EmmaLou Nierman, former members of our congregation.

SIGNIFICANT ACTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES - November 4, 1980

The Quarterly Memorial Funds Report indicated Memorial Gifts of $31[illegible] for the quarter plus $355 in investment earnings with the only expenditures being for the Summer Intern and Vocation Scholarship Grant. The Treasurer's Report showed a deficit of $1,913.09 in Operating funds at the end of October. Special balances included: Mini-Bus Fund $3,601.32; Refugee Fund $807.99; and Pantry Fund $354.50. The Year-to-Date Report showed decreases in Worship and Church School participation for this year both for October and Year-to-Date. Additions are moving towards the six year high of last year. The Giving Analysis showed our income deficit of $17,500 at the end of October which made us 72.4% of the annual budget with income $5,400 above the similar time of last year. In addition to address changes and new friends, the People Report indicated the transfer from us of Ed and Sue Allen and four new members and two member deaths.

Resignations were received from Fred Woodward as our Custodian as of November 1, 1980 and Pat Mullen as Chairwoman of Membership Committee They were accepted with regret.

Upon recommendation of the Property Committee, Roger Niblick, was hired as Custodian to replace Mr. Woodward. In addition to custodial duties, we anticipate much maintenance work by him. He is the father of 15 children from 11 to 30 and is a member of St. Henry's parish.

The Board voted unanimously to approve our participation as a Food Bank in the new Emergency Food System Agreement designed enabling food delivery in need. This providing a network in conjunction with the Trustees and a central index, 15 food banks, supporting congregations, and a steering committee. This does not change our present agreement with the Welfare Department, but may in time replace it with the more comprehensive community effort.

CALLING ALL MEN!!!

Men's Breakfast from 7:00 A.M. to 8:30 this Saturday indludes: Food, Fellowship, new study of YOUR OTHER VOCATION by Elton Trueblood, and Prayer. You are invited. Study books available in office. Coming chapters:

11/15 - "A Place to Begin"
11/29 - "The Revolt of the Laymen"
12/13 - "The Ministry of Work"
1/3/81 - "The Recovery of Family Life"
1/17 - "The Education of Laymen"

YOUNG SINGLES RETREAT

The YES Group will be having a Fall Retreat at Camp Barbee November 15 and 16. The group will leave from the church at noon on November 15 and return on Sunday, November 16 in the late afternoon. Persons need to bring a Bible, sleeping bag and personal articles. Cost will be $5. to cover lodging. Call Nancy Hendricks (447-3913) or Julia Hendricks (744-4512) for reservations.

THANKSGIVING (from page one)

Come celebrate life in our living Lord who opens up for each of us life, joy, peace, and life eternal.

Dr. Cline is preaching, "LIFE, NOT DEATH IS OUR GOAL" I Peter 1:3-21; I Corinthians 15:1-58. "Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

(I Cor. 15:57)

YOUTH NEWS

CHI RHO

Chi Rho will be beginning a new study in the weeks ahead "Encouraging Prayer and Meditation. We will be discussion why we pray, the different types of prayer, and its effect on our daily lifes.

CYF

The CYF is planning a monthly service project. The services of the CYF are open to the elderly who need work done on their house or yars. If anyone knows of work to be done contact Gary Nunnally or Chip & Becca Olson (CYF sponsors).

The CYF will have a BAKE SALE in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, November 23 after the 10:45 Worship Hour.

Dates to keep in mind for December:

December 7 - Hanging of the Greens
December 12 - Christmas Party for children (sponsored by CYF)
December 14 - Christmas Caroling (6:00 to 8:00 P.M.)
December 24 - Christmas Eve Services at 7:00 P.M. and 11:00 P.M.

NEWS FOR ALL YOUTH!

We are in the process of putting together a Youth Newsletter. It needs a name! Please be thinking of a name representative of our total youth program.

CWF MEETING NOVEMBER 22

The General CWF Meeting being planned for November 22 includes several sections. The meeting will begin at 10:30 A.M. with a special worship experience led by Ruby Cline. A salad potluck luncheon will follow at 11:30 The Christmas Decorations Workshops will begin at 12:30 and conclude at 2:00 P.M.

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO ATTEND only the worship and luncheon if you wish. The Workshops will be a marvelous opportunity to learn new Christmas decorations skills.

Women of the church--please put this Saturday event on your calendars! It will be a joyous way to start your holiday celebration!

THANKS TO LEADERS

We appreciated the following discussion leaders following our FOCUS ON THE FAMILY films: Sam & Barb Hayes, Ben & Val Taylor, Ron & Karen Flickinger, Jack & Pam Bickel, Tom & Sue Knuckles, John & Betty Briggs, We also thank the Hayes for being in charge of book and tape sales from Elisha Resources.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER
NOVEMBER 16-22, 1980

Ethel Allen (16)
Tom Meadows (16)
Bernard Norman (16)
Robert Corkwell (18)
Muriel Crouse (19)
Lee Higgins (21)
Laura York (21)
Roger Parkerson (22)

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THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

Giving thanks is a basic response to God by any person whose faith in Christ is meaningful. The giving of thanks is deeply rooted in our Christian faith. Often times we think that thanksgiving is a warm, sentimental glow which comes upon us once a year in late November, or a seasonal or occasional event observed as a national holiday. Thanksgiving is neither, it is a time for remembering; a time to view all of God's blessings; a time for acting out our convictions and beliefs; a time for loving and caring; a time for reaching out, seeking out, finding out and looking out for the well-being of those God has entrusted into our hands.

In essence Thanksgiving is our response to God for Christmas and Easter. Both are God working, acting, and responding to the sins of the world. God gave his Son, Jesus Christ, to save the world from sin. This is God's action, giving and response. In Easter it was again God acting in the raising of his Son, Jesus Christ from the dead. Thanksgiving is my response to God, not only for Christmas and Easter but what they mean to me and for all of us as a community of faith and a people of God.

Come, celebrate with us on this exciting Thanksgiving Sunday. Rev. Gary Nunnally will be preaching at both hours, "GOD'S PILGRIM PEOPLE". Scripture texts are: Psalms 39:12, Hebrews 11:13-16, Matthew 7:12-14. Our Chancel Choir will be singing in a new style a closing anthem, "TO GOD BE THE GLORY" during the 10:45 A.M. Worship Hour.

A special Thanksgiving offering will be received during both worship hours. Persons may give with the special envelopes in their envelope sets or use the special envelopes in the pew holder. All Church School offering given this Sunday will go for the special Thanksgiving Outreach offering to help in special ways to combat hunger in our own nation and is other parts of the world.

SERVING NOVEMBER 23

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Rolland Ripple and William Franklin

10:45 A.M. Glenn Miller and Mark Akers

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. B. Pauley-SW, M. Hutchinson-NW, C. Olson, P. Yentes

10:45 A.M. M. Mullen-SW, K. Flickinger-NW, M. Tobias-SE, B. Grimm-NE, V. Taylor, B. Mettler, K. Crawford, B. Briggs

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith Tony & Tim Evans

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson, J. Glasgow, S. White, T. York

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. M. Bixenman - P. Yentes
R. Johnson-G. Davis
B. Leversee - J. Young
B. Taylor - B. Pauley

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Susan Knuckles & Nena Lucas

NURSERY WORKERS

10:45 A.M. J. & P. Bickel

EXTENDED SESSION

NUR. II - C. Akers
NUR. III - T. & N. Harter
K-1 - K. Rogers & M. Byers

IN HOSPITALS

Charles Harshbarger entering 11/19 for tests and surgery

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED:

To Dan Dickey in the death of his father, Kenton Dickey, last week.

D.M.A. NEXT TUESDAY THE 25th!

All are invited for a meal at 12:00 noon. Bring table service and a covered dish. Hosting are Amelia Dare, Laura Marks, and Charles & Ardith Wrisk. The program will include Chrismons and their symbolism. We also will be making selections for 1981 programs and the new Steering Committee.

THANKS TO CHURCH:

"My thanks to the church for all past favors and pleasant employment through the years."

Jeff F. Roush

(NOTE: The Church is deeply appreciative of Mr. Roush who has tuned our organ for 48 years and who was the installer of the organ in the present building as well. Ours was one of the last which he kept in tune and now he has retired from all such work. We wish him God's blessing and love!)

SENIOR PASTOR RESIGNS

Dr. Harold E. Cline announced in congregational letters this week his resignation as of January 25, 1981 in order to assume a similar position with the First Christian Church in South Bend.

PANTRY NEEDS; CRACKERS; POWDERED MILK; PEANUT BUTTER; FRUIT COCKTAIL; CANNED MEAT; TUNA

"G_I_V_E G_O_D A G_O_O_D G_I_F_T!"

One of the repeated traits of Jesus in his everyday relationships with persons during his ministry was to help them find their possibilities and potentials. Sometimes we feel overwhelmed in the church with needs and challenges, but we need to realize the potential that is in our hands.

Can we see the potentials of our congregation in these figures for an Indiana family on an average basis for 1980?

Gross average family income	$ 23,325
Households giving to FCC during 1979.....307	
Total income of Giving Households of FCC	$ 7,160,775

Against this kind of income at our disposal, what could we give?

If we followed the Biblical tithe, 10% would be	$ 716,077
If we gave a half a tithe or 5%, it would be	358,039
If we gave one-third a tithe or 3.3%, it would be	216,933
If we gave a quarter of a tithe or 2.5%, it would be	179,019

Against this potential we are now giving as a congregation about 2.14% on the average against our income. Yes, some are giving 10% or 15% and others only 1%.

If all would increase just 1% in the coming year, our giving would increase by $71,000. Needs are present among us--even more so-resources and possibilities are among us!

"G_I_V_E G_O_D A G_O_O_D G_I_F_T!"

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REFUGEE FUND NEEDS SUPPORT

We are so glad to have the Southivong family among us that we might help them through the transition into our culture. Saleum is moving rapidly with English and is the most likely for a job. Until then, our support level is very high. Gifts need to be marked, "Refugee Fund".

THANKSGIVING OFFERING

"I Was Hungry..."

The special Thanksgiving offering for Outreach Mission gives us an opportunity to share in ministry to the hungry in our world. In addition to work does to combat hunger through Week of Compassion, Basic Mission Finance through Division of Overseas Ministries and Homeland Ministries seeks to send hunger through special projects. Our money helps!

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22
10:30 A.M. CWF General Meeting
Worship led by Sara Davis
11:30 A.M. Salad Potluck
12:30 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.
Christmas Decorations Workshops

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23
8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
4:30 P.M. Bell Choir
5:30 P.M. Chi Rho & CYF
5:45 P.M. New Testament Class

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24
1:00 P.M. Living the Adventure
7:30 P.M. Worship & Pastoral Relations Committee

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25
12:00 Noon D.M.A. Potluck & Program (see page two)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27
Thanksgiving Day
Church Office Closed

PLAN NOW FOR CHRISTMAS EVENTS:

DECEMBER 7 at 7:00 P.M.
Hanging of the Greens

DECEMBER 12 at 6:30 P.M.
Christmas Party for Children from Nursery II through youth in Chi Rho sponsored by C.Y.F.

DECEMBER 14 from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M.
All-Church Christmas Caroling in buses.

DECEMBER 21
10:45 A.M. - Christmas Cantata during second worship
6:45 P.M. - Christmas Caroling at State School for one hour.

DECEMBER 24
7:00 P.M. - Children and Family Christmas Eve Worship
11:00 P.M. - Candlelighting Christmas Eve

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER

NOVEMBER 23-29, 1980

Nellie Buchanan (24)
Marlene Crouse (25)
Charles Green (25)
Ronald Flickinger (25)
Joan Ott (25)
Elva Stephans (25)
Jo Ellen Hendrickson (26)
Frederick Sheets (26)
Jerry Ferguson (27)
Mary Sue Ludwig (28)
James Clausen (29)
Opal Perkins (29)

YOUTH BAKE SALE

This Sunday, NOVEMBER 23 during our Coffee Hour the CYF will be having a BAKE SALE. There will be cookies, pies, and cakes so come by after church and pick one up for desert for your Sunday lunch or dinner (or even freeze it for Thanksgiving).

Don't pass up this opportunity for something good to eat at a reasonable price too!!!

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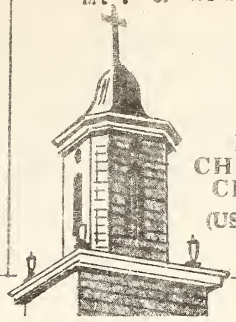

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29
7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30
8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
4:30 P.M. Bell Choir
5:30 P.M. Chi Rho & CYF
5:45 P.M. New Testament Class
MONDAY, DECEMBER 1
1:00 P.M. Living the Adventure
6:30 P.M. Mary Magdalene Group, Debbie White, 3108 Adams
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2
9:00 A.M. Ruth Group, Virginia Bruckman, 3729 South Drive
7:30 P.M. Elder's Meeting
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4
10:30 A.M. Naomi Group Potluck Rychie Smell, 4126 Roxton Ln. (please bring table service)
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

PANTRY NEEDS: CRACKERS, CANNED MEAT, TUNA, POWDERED MILK, FRUIT COCKTAIL, PEAS, PEANUT BUTTER

ADVENT BEGINS

Our Worship turns to the season of preparation for the coming of Jesus into the world. Advent is a time of anticipation, expectation, preparation, and joy. We will begin lighting our Advent Wreath as a part of each worship hour for the next four Sundays.

All moves to the climax on Christmas Eve with our two worships at 7:00 and 11:00 P.M. The early hour is focused on children and the family celebration of Christ's birth. The later hour utilizes candles and our college and career singles helping with the worship to find meaning and life and commitment in Christ.

Our community finds a chance a 7:00 P.M. on Sunday, December 7, to join in the Hanging of the Greens when each Church School Class and each person is invited to come and help decorate the church building for this festive season. This is a night of fellowship and working together to create a scent of beauty and life among us.

On this first Sunday of Advent, Dr. Cline will be preaching on "GIVING AS A STYLE OF LIFE" with a background text of II Corinthians 8 and 9. Becca Olson is our soloist Sunday.

Join a growing group of people coming to open life to God in worship this Sunday! Open your life and heart to the coming Prince of Life and Love and Peace!

SERVING NOVEMBER 30

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Ralph Church and Sam Hayes

10:45 A.M. Bert Leversee and Joe Wiley

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M. Busse-SE, E. Brown-NW, J. Hendricks, T. Sauerwein

10:45 A.M. P. Mullen-SW, J. Bickel-NW, T. Harter-SE, J. Stucky-NE, L. York, H. Stevenson, J. Briggs, G. Falbe

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, E. Snouffer

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson, B. Kerley, R. Hunt

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Susan Knuckles & Nena Lucas

NURSERY WORKERS

10:45 A.M. B. Stucky & D. White

EXTENDED SESSION

NUR. II - C. Akers

NUR. III - T. & N. Harter

K-1 - K. Rogers, M. Byers

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Bert & Margaret Leversee

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

474 - Phil Bozarth

439 - Shannon Wyant

664 - Mr. Dean Widler

488 - Mr. Charles Harshbarger

THANKS TO CHOIR!

We appreciated the Chancel Choir on Sunday with their strong nomber of singers --22 plus the taped instrumental accompaniment for the final thrilling anthem, "TO GOD BE THE GLORY!" Thanks to our choirs and their leaders!

THANKSGIVING OFFERING

$560.15 has been given to date for our special Thanksgiving Offering. Set envelopes and pew envelopes could be used this week yet for this special expression of support for the basic outreach work of the church. Every cent received for the Thanksgiving offering goes for the Basic Mission Finance of Christian Church Outreach.

THANKS FOR FOOD GIFTS

We rejoice in the food items brought for use by our Pantry or Food Bank program during November. The donation of each item helps to undergird this continuing work of serving the needs of persons in our community day by day and week by week. For nearly nine years we have provided food for one or two families daily through this program.

THANKSGIVING FOR CHILDBIRTH AND DEDICATION OF PARENTS

Our semi-annual service of dedication for parents with young children will be during our worship at 10:45 A.M. on Sunday, December 14. All who plan to participate need to contact the church office by Thursday the 11th. Call now so plans can be made. Grandparents are invited along with parents and families.

"M_U_S_T W_E L_I_V_E O_N L_E_F_T_O_V_E_R_S ?"

Giving out of gratitude means giving off the top. In biblical terms, thi responsible giving was referred to as offering the "first fruits", th "firstlings" of the flock. Such high-priority giving evidenced gratitud to God. The question is, what priority do we place on our giving throug the church?

Some feel the church is begging when it confronts members with fiscal reality. This feeling may be lodged in our subconscious because of our guilt about our own response. The joy is in knowing that this is one thing in this complicated world we can do something about. Nobody tells us how much to give as a witness to our faith. That decision is in our hands.

Percentage Giving is not only a responsible way to meet the challenge of our Christian faith, it is biblical. Jesus tells us about a widow who gave 100%, a short fellow, Zacchaeus, who gave 50% (consistent with present tax laws) and others who gave 10%. In fact, he had a lot to say on the subject. To him the gift that cost was the gift that counted.

The question is, what Percentage of your income do you give as a witness of your faith? For some the Goal is 10% or above, according to their faith and commitment. All of us can up our Percentage Giving a digit or two, we hope, out of gratitude to God and renewed commitment.

If for no other reason than economic logic, it should be done. All of us know that the church must also deal realistically with inflation. Left-over giving does not take this economic reality seriously. In fact, left-overs are not left over! The result, starvation and malnutrition. We can correct this malady by responding through meaningful Christian commitment.

Giving through the church for 1980 is estimated to be $153,000.00. This represents 2.14% of the estimated average household income. Obviously some households give more; many give less.

We suggest that 3% of our household income would be a reasonable figure to consider as we make our 1981 financial commitments. If you are currently above this figure, we know you will move beyond that. If you have not yet reached 3%, you are encouraged to establish it as a goal.

CHRISTMAS BOOK SALE

The annual Christmas Book Sale sponsored by the Christian Education Committee will begin this Sunday, November 30. We will have the books for sale through Sunday, December 21. There will be an assortment of new books from Bethany Bookstore to choose from -- books on the family, child-rearing, novels, Christmas, children's, and prayer and meditation. The books range from $1.50 to $22.95. In addition to the books, this year we have Disciple chalice jewelry available: necklaces, stick pins, charms, tie tacks, and key chains, from $2.25 to $6.49. The books and jewelry will be available in fellowship hall after the 10:45 A.M. worship service during the coffee hour. They will make nice gifts for both family and friends, so come by and browse through the books while they last!

NEEDED FOR REFUGEE FAMILY

Boots, gloves, winter clothing, underwear, toys, and children's books--bring to the church office or give to Mike Mullen or Pam Bickel.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER
NOVEMBER 30 - DECEMBER 6

Bethel Breeden (1)
Steve Frappier (1)
Cindy Akers (3)
Wayne Phillips (3)
Karen Flickinger (4)
Donna Johnson (4)
Mildred Arruza (6)
Ethel Richhart (6)
Phillip Bozarth (6)

REALITY OF ECONOMY

Our giving for November has averaged $2,853 for the first four Sundays--we need $3,267 weekly. Thus this month's shortage is $1,657. The need is present with the current economy. We have resources in our hands. What are we doing to link commitment to our financial reality as a community of Christ at work in the world?

YOUTH NEWS

CHI RHO

This Sunday, November 30, the Chi Rho youth will have a game night. Various games and activities will be planned. Bring a friend and enjoy a night of fun, fellowship and excitement.

CYF

This Sunday, the CYF youth will be practicing the play, "Christmas Love" for the Children's Christmas Party on Friday, December 12.

Both Chi Rho and CYF will be involved on Sunday, December 7, in the Hanging of the Greens. Both groups will be decorating their class rooms in addition to helping to decorate the Nave and Fellowship Hall. There will be no youth group meetings that night but youth should be here at 7:00 P.M.

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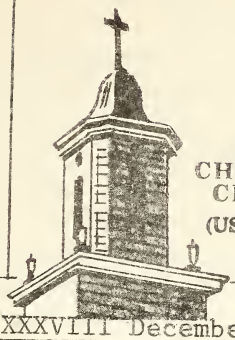

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COMMITMENT SUNDAY ON THIS SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The appropriateness of the Advent Season for making commitments for 1981 is expressed in the theme, "GIVE GOD A GOOD GIFT!" Advent is preparing us for the supreme gift of God in Jesus our Lord who is the source of all our giving.

Members and friends of First Christian are urged to make a stewardship commitment for the coming calendar year. It is hoped that persons under the Biblical tithe will consider an increase of 1 percent from the present level of giving. These expressions of intention are vital in the planning of the congregational life for the coming year for they provide the basis for the working budget. Each family and youth is encouraged to bring giving commitments for 1981 this Sunday.

Advent and Christmas music is coming to the front of our worship experiences. David Mosier is soloist this Sunday. Against the Biblical background of Mary's magnificat, Luke 1:46-55; Jesus' sense of personal marching orders, Luke 4:18, 19; and Jesus' teaching in the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 5:1-16, Dr. Cline has announced the sermon title coming out of a real story, "'TELL THE CHURCH TO GO TO HELL.'"

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS WITHIN OUR CONGREGATION

In order to share love and care to persons instead of the heavy outlay for cards and postage among our congregation, we will have our Christmas Greetings in the Narthex again this year. The idea is that one card is sent for all friends of the congregation. That card is sent to the church office with a donation in lieu of other costs or desired special gifts. These cards are displayed as a greeting in the Narthex and all senders are listed weekly in THE TIDINGS. These donations are used for a special directed gift for usage at the Cleveland Christian Home for children and the Emily Flinn Home for Seniors in Marion. Thus by not duplicating the many cards, gifts to provide caring and loving ministries are provided. Yet all receive greetings expressed through THE TIDINGS and the Narthex Card Display.

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SERVING DECEMBER 7

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. George Bruckman and Mildred Hartman

10:45 A.M. Joe Wiley and Miriam Bixenman

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. R. Johnson-SW, M. Hutchinson-NW, T. Sauerwein

10:45 A.M. L. York-SW, T. Harter-NW, S. Knuckles-SE, G. Davis-NE, J. Jump, M. Mullen, H. Stevenson, N. Lucas

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, D. Pomeroy

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson, G. Bozarth, B. Wyant,

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. M. Akers - R. Johnson
R. Church - M. Mullen
J. Weicker - B. Briggs
J. Wiley - K. Flickinger

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Barbara Mettler & Laura York

NURSERY WORKERS

10:45 A.M. G. & R. Hosfield

EXTENDED SESSION

NUR. II - B. & P. Norman
NUR. III - J. & B. Glasgow
K-1 & M. Mullen

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN

665 - Mr. Walter Bowen
378 - Mrs. Ann Schultz & son
ICU - Mr. Mick Nease (from FCC Noblesville)

ST. JOSEPH

571 - Mrs. Susie Riley (from Kokomo)

PARKVIEW

408 - Mrs. Frances Perez (the mother of Sylvia Smith and Mary Novachcoff)

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED to Mrs. Lee Baugher in the death of her mother, Lou Nettie on Sunday, the 23rd.

RESPONSE TO INVITATION

TOM C. ASBURY, 1241 Fayette, 16, 447-8383 transferred his membership to our congregation from First United Methodist Church of Hastings, Nebraska. He graduated this spring from Nebraska Weslyan in accounting and is employed with Central Soya in Decatur. Tom has been faithful among our Y.E.S. group recently and we welcome him into our fellowship in Christ!

FUNERAL OF MEMBER:

Mrs. Ethel Lahmon on 11/29/80. She came to Christ in confession and baptism on October of 1971. She had been at Towne House Convelescent Center for several years.

CONGRATULATIONS ON BIRTH

To Doug and Ann Schultz, a son, Jeffrey Daniel, on 11/29/80.

NOVEMBER AVERAGES

Worship	280
Church School	135
Through the week ed.	83
Youth Fellowships	19
Budget Giving	$2,856.77

NEW MEMBERS DURING NOVEMBER:

Fred Gaskill, Charles Harshbarger, Bernie & Pat Norman, Tom Asbury

MEMBER TO LUTHERAN HOME

Mrs. Ina Smith, a member since 1964, has entered the Lutheran Home at 6700 S. Anthony, 46816.

PANTRY NEEDS:

P-NUT BUTTER, CANNED MEAT, POWDERED MILK, SOUP, CANNED FRUIT

SIGNIFICANT BOARD ACTIONS ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1980

The resignation of Dr. Harold E. Cline as Senior Pastor as of January 25, 1981 was accepted with regret.

After much discussion, the Board voted by 17 to 7 not to receive the recommendation of the Lay Personnel of their nominations for the Search Committee. The major discussion centered in the hasty action, the lack of normal notification procedure, the lack of time for board and congregational input to the committee, and the lack of representation of various kinds as mandated by the By-laws. In light of this action, Board and congregational members are encouraged to put into writing recommendations of persons to serve on the Search Committee and including a rational of why the named persons are being recommended. These suggestions need to be received by the church office, Andrew Cook, Moderator, or Barbara Johnson, Lay Personnel Chairwoman by Tuesday, December 16.

Upon recommendation of the Stewardship Committee, the Board approved the following ASKING BUDGET for 1981:

1980 WORKING BUDGET		1981 ASKING BUDGET
$ 59,588	PASTORAL LEADERSHIP	$ 59,158
31,972	CHURCH STAFF	36,877
6,800	OFFICE EXPENSES	7,500
5,250	EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM	5,875
19,900	PROPERTY	30,750
3,450	MEMBERSHIP	4,620
2,150	WORSHIP	2,500
1,972	CHURCH GROWTH	2,820
4,900	LOCAL COMMUNITY OUTREACH	6,200
33,900	WORLD OUTREACH	37,300
$ 169,882		$ 193,630

The congregation will be asked to make commitments for 1981 on either Sunday, December 7 or Sunday, December 14!

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER - DECEMBER 7-13

Brenda Hiatt (7)
Sue Kerley (7)
Lois Colemen (8)
Clifton Bowman (9)
Sandra Elser (9)
Rosemary Day (10)
Bill Franklin (10)
Ruth O'Laughlin (10)
Rolland Ripple (11)
Laura Sauerwein (11)
Mabel Shinn (11)
Sara Davis (12)

BOTH CYF AND CHI RHO WILL BE INVOLVED IN "HANGING OF THE GREENS" THIS SUNDAY EVENING AT 7:00 P.M.
CYF will rehearse their Christmas Play at 6:00 P.M.
BELL CHOIR at 5:00!

HANGING OF THE GREENS

This Sunday, December 7, at 7:00 P.M. our community is invited to join in the HANGING OF THE GREENS when each Church School Class and each person is invited to come and help decorate the church building for this festive season. Afterwards there will be refreshments and a carol sing. It will be a night filled with fun, fellowship, and worship, working together to create a festive and worshipful atmosphere during our Advent Season.

CHILDREN-FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Friday, December 12 from 6:30 to 8:30 P.M. there will be a party for all children, youth and their families. (If needed, child care for infants and toddlers will be provided following dinner.) This party is being sponsored by the CYF. CYF will provide meat, rolls and drinks. Families according to their last name should bring: A-H: Salad; I-Q: Vegetable; and R-Z: Desert. Santa Claus will be there to ask the children what they want for Christmas and he will have a surprise for each one of them. The CYF will be performing a short play, "Christmas Love", a contemporary version of the birth of Jesus and will show how Christmas can transform people into loving one another.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7
8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
5:00 P.M. Handbell Choir
6:00 P.M. CYF rehearsal for play
7:00 P.M. HANGING OF THE GREENS
7:00 P.M. D.S.F. at McCords, 3307 Casselwood

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8
1:00 P.M. Living the Adventure
5:30 P.M. Fellowship Guild Christmas Dinner at Richard's
7:30 P.M. Evangelism Committee

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9
11:30 A.M. Rebecca Group at MCL Cafeteria
7:30 P.M. BOARD OF TRUSTEES
7:30 P.M. Deborah Group, Ruby Cline, 5705 Fernwood

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10
6:30 P.M. Martha Group, Laura York, 6008 Arlene

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11
9:15 A.M. Rachel Group, Church Library
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12
6:30 P.M. Children-Youth-Families Christmas Potluck Dinner and party

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OUR INSURANCE BILL DUE!

The reality of giving below budget needs hits hart right now with operating funds in the red and an annual insurance payment due for $2,734.89 on December 20. Giving is needed NOW!

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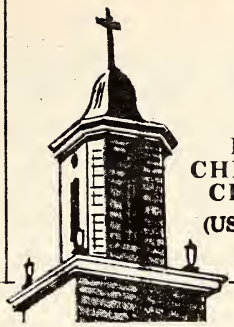

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JOIN IN OUR ADVENT CELEBRATION

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Our third Advent Candle will be lit as we move toward the birth of Jesus. Dr. Cline continues his sermons on various major emphases of life with God; as he utilizes the call of John the Baptist, "REPENT, THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS AT HAND!" Matthew 3:1-17, John 3:16-21, 5:19-24.

DEDICATION WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

At the opening of Divine Worship we will be sharing our semi-annual Thanksgiving for Childbirth and Dedication of Parents. We have several families participating and would request others interested to call the church office. We believe a commitment to rear a child in a Christian home is vital and meaningful.

COMMITMENTS

During our offertory we will also be receiving commitments from members and friends who have not already given them. This is crucial in planning and moving into 1981. The expression of persons in commitments give a basis for developing a realistic working budget. In addition to commitments for the new year, a major effort must be given to the completion of giving for 1980. Our operating fund entered December in the red by $371 and we have our annual insurance bill of $2,735 due on the 20th in addition to the regular monthly expenses. Our giving must be generous if we will complete the year in the black. All giving to be included for 1980 must be received by Wednesday, December 31 at noon.

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SERVING DECEMBER 14

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Charles Ludwig and Ralph Church

10:45 A.M. Barbara Short and Miriam Bixenman

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. E. Brown-SW, C. Olson-NW, J. Young, P. Yentes

10:45 A.M. K. Flickinger-SW, K. Crawford-NW, M. Callahan-SE, B. Mettler-NE, L. York, J. Briggs, K. Rogers, J. Stucky

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, E. Snouffer

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson, B. Kerley, R. Hunt

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Barbara Mettler & Laura York

NURSERY WORKERS

10:45 A.M. M. & C. Akers

EXTENDED SESSION

NUR. II - P. & B. Norman

NUR. III - J. Jenkins & M. Mullen

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Tom & Nancy Harter

COUNTERS

M. Grimm & S. Hayes

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

665 - Mr. Walter Bowen

671 - Mrs. Helen Sheerin

784 - Mr. Mick Nease

PARKVIEW:

Mrs. Lois Coleman-Surgery-12/10

308 - Mrs. Frances Perez (mother of Sylvia Smith and Mary Novachcoff)

THANK YOU TO CHURCH:

"Your kind expression of sympathy is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged by the family of Ethel Lahmon."

RENEWAL OF LIFE IN CHRIST:

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Schnobel, 314 W. Hollis Lane, -07, identified with us in a transfer of membership from First Christian Union Church. They had formerly been members here. Charles is retired from the Police Department and works at Diesters. Bernice works at Lincoln Bank in Southgate. They have two grown children in the home, Gloria and David. Bernice is the daughter of Audean Ashe Gahring. We welcome these and would encourage others to make expression of their lives in this Christmas tide.

WEDDING BY PASTOR:

John E. and Mildred E. Arruza, remarriage, on 12/6/80. They are residing at 7726 Regina Dr.-15. Their boys are in grades 6 and 1 this year.

PANTRY REPORTS FOR NOVEMBER:

12 referrals were given food for 20 adults and 32 children totalling 468 meals. Thanks to our volunteers for their efforts and those who provide for this ongoing ministry of aid.

THANKSGIVING OFFERING:

$675 was remitted this week from our special Thanksgiving Offering which is an over-and-above gift for the Basic Mission Finance of the Christian Church. Thanks to all who shared in this giving.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO ONE ANOTHER IN OUR FAMILY!

The following have started our 1980 Christmas Card project---One Card to the whole Church Family. These cards are displayed on the banners in the Narthex! The persons below extend a personalized greeting to each and every one of the congregation. Alone with their cards a donation in lieu of the many cards and the costly postage has been made for a special over and above gift for the Cleveland Christian Home and the Emily E. Flinn Home for aged at Marion. $75 has been received with the following cards saying--A merry and meaningful Christmas and New Year to all!

Mary E. Cook
Leland & Mary Higgins
Dick, Barb, & Marcie Johnson
Kenneth & Beulah Timmons
Mrs. Fern Kenline
August Mueller
Gwynth Rice
Dean & Elsie Widler

CAROLING _ CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Sunday Evening at 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. is our annual caroling by the whole church. All family groups are invited for this night of singing at the homes of our special care persons and in several health care centers where we have persons. We go by chartered buses and at time of writing---needed another 40 persons to join in this activity of sharing the Christmas spirit in song. Come at 6:00 P.M. on Sunday. We will return at 8:00 for cocoa, coffee, and doughnuts.

CHILDREN-FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Friday, December 12 from 6:30 to 8:30 P.M. there will be a party for all children, youth and their families. (If needed, child care for infants and toddlers will be provided following dinner.) This party is being sponsored by the CYF. CYF will provide meat, rolls, and drinks. Families according to their last name should bring: A-H: Salad; I-Q: Vegetable; and R-Z: Desert. Santa Claus will be there to ask the children what they want for Christmas and he will have a surprise for each one of them. The CYF will be performing a short play, "Christmas Love", a contemporary version of the birth of Jesus and will show how Christmas can transform people into loving one another.

INVITE TO JOIN IN WORSHIP!

Our special Christmas Cantata which will be the feature of our Divine Worship at 10:45 A.M. on Sunday the 21st is something to invite others near and far to join you in worship! Likewise, invite family and friends to be with you at either the 7:00 P.M. or 11:00 P.M. Christmas Eve Worship on December 24.

NEW YEAR'S EVE FOR SINGLES:

The Disciple Singles Fellowship is invited to the home of Susan Jones, 6926 Premiere, starting at 8:30 P.M. on Wednesday night, December 31 for a New Year's Eve Party. Spread the word. Invite others!

TRAINING AVAILABLE:

The 40 hour lab over four weekends dealing with calling and listening skills is available once more for $7.50 early in 1981. Dr. Cline is leading a lab at First Presbyterian Church here on the weekends of Jan. 9, 10, 30, 31; Feb. 20 & 21, and March 13 & 14. First Christian members may participate, but Dr. Cline needs names immediately to insure space. This training designed by Dr. John Savage has been known among us as the COME program or nationally as the REUNION program. This is an opportunity if taken NOW!

PANTRY NEEDS: CRACKERS, CANNED MEAT, TUNA, POWDERED MILK, FRUIT COCKTAIL, PEAS, PEANUT BUTTER

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13
7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14
8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
4:00 P.M. Handbell Choir
5:00 P.M. N.T. Class
6:00 P.M. Caroling

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15
7:30 P.M. Membership & Mini-Bus Committee

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17
7:30 P.M. Lay Personnel

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER
DECEMBER 14 - DECEMBER 20

Harley Meadows (15)
David Overby (15)
Randy Hunt (16)
Debbie Stam (16)
Fran Eckert (17)
Thelma Haxton (17)
Cindy Ebetino (19)
Albert Farrow (19)
Tim Knuckles (19)
Marie Atkinson (19)
Marge Lehman (20)
Diana Wortlay (20)
John Edward Morris (20)

SPECIAL CAROLING AT STATE SCHOO

We will meet at 6:45 P.M. on Sunday, Dec. 21, to go caroling at the State School. We will be caroling there from 7:30 to 8:30 P.M. in various places. This is separate from the church wide caroling on this Sunday by buses at various locations.

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WORSHIP THE GIFT OF GOD

Our Chancel Choir directed by Ann Hayes will be presenting a Christmas Cantata, "A NIGHT TO REMEMBER" this Sunday as the heartbeat of our Divine Worship at 10:45 A.M. They will be singing with an instrumental sound track. Soloists include: Sara Davis, Diane Mory, Becky Stucky, and Janet Weicker. Other singers include: Kristin Byers, Betty Briggs, Sherri Melchi, Karen Rogers, Barbara Busse, Carolyn Falbe, Anita Fitch, Ruth Plummer, Debbie Rinker, Laura Sauerwein, John Briggs, Bob Briggs, Bruce Lehman, Dave Mosier, Toni York, Eric Zimmerman, Gary Falbe, Doug Rogers, Jim Stucky, Vince Wells, Jerry Zimmerman. Jim Doelling, Jr. will be sound engineer.

Our worship will also include our communion and a decision time with a service of baptism. The Children's Choir will sing and all children above Nursery II will remain in the Nave for the total hour.

MEDITATIVE WORSHIP at 8:15 A.M. this Sunday will feature Janet Weicker as soloist and Gary Nunnally preaching, "CHRISTMAS IN OUR HEARTS" based on Matthew 13:15, 5:8; Ezekiel 36:26,27. The Bell Choir is playing.

CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S AND FAMILY WORSHIP

Our annual service of Christmas celebration with children and families will be at 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, December 24. Our children have been preparing for this in Church School and Extended Session through PEPITO'S STORY. "If Christ were coming to your house this afternoon for a 'Christmas visit' what would you give him for a gift....What would you give him for a gift if you had no money....no money to spend." Each child is invited to bring a gift or a symbol of such a gift to this worship. The girls of the Children's Choir and soloists will be singing for this family gathering.

A CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHTING WORSHIP

Our formal celebration of the birth of Jesus will be at 11:00 P.M. on Christmas Eve. Our Chancel Choir will be singing along with several soloists. Our Young Singles will be participating and assisting in the wor-

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SERVING DECEMBER 14

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Cecil Rice and Judy Church

10:45 A.M. Barbara Short and Bill Johnson

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Young-SW, J. Hendricks-NW, C. Olson, P. Yentes

10:45 A.M. V. Taylor-SW, J. Bickel-SW, T. Harter-SE, G. Falbe-NE, M. Tobias, B. Hendricks, R. Flickinger, S. Knuckles

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, T. Briggs

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson, G. Hosfield, J. Hudlow, S. Johnson

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. G. Bruckman - B. Grimm
W. Johnson - H. Stevenson
C. Ludwig -
J. Wiley - C. Olson

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Mike Callahan & Richard Johnson

NURSERY WORKERS

10:45 A.M. M. Callahan

EXTENDED SESSION

NUR. II - P. & B. Norman
NUR. III - J. Jenkins & M. Mullen

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Lois & Max Finkhousen

COUNTERS

M. Grimm & S. Hayes

IN HOSPITALS

PARKVIEW:

317 - Mrs. Lois Coleman

LUTHERAN:

484 - Mr. Mick Nease

TO HEALTH CARE CENTER:

Mrs. Frances Perez is now at Fairfield Health Care Center. She is the mother of Sylvia Smith and Mary Novachcoff.

DEATH OF FORMER MEMBER:

Ted Tucker died several weeks ago in West Palm Beach, Florida. He and his wife, May, were former members here and requested memorials to FCC-FW.

CHRYSALIS CHRISTMAS PARTY:

The Chrysalis Class Christmas Party will be at 7:30 P.M. this Friday, Dec. 19, at Gary and Becki Nunnally's, 7322 A Mill Run Drive (Corner of Baer Field and Lower Huntington Road.)

Each couple is asked to bring a favorite appetizer and "White Elephant" gifts, one marked "His" and the other Hers". Hope to see all there! Reservations not needed!

LIBRARY NEWS:

The Naomi Group of C.W.F. has donated I CAME TO LOVE YOU LATE by Joyce Landorf in memory of Helen Williams.

Other new additions include a large number of new children's books donated by Karen and Ron Flickinger.

YEAR END GIVING!

All 1980 giving must be received in the church office by noon on Wednesday, December 31. If any desire to give toward 1981 for tax reasons or personal reasons, please be sure to mark such giving distinctly for 1981 so that it can be credited that way though made as a gift during 1980. GIVE GOD A GOOD GIFT THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON!

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO ONE ANOTHER IN OUR FAMILY!

The following have started our 1980 Christmas Card project--One Card to the whole Church Family. These cards are displayed on the banners in the Narthex! The persons below extend a personalized greetings to each and every one of the congregation. Along with their cards a donation in lieu of the many cards and the costly postage has been made for a special over and above gift for the Cleveland Christian Home and the Emily E. Flinn Home for aged at Marion. $237 has been received with the following cards saying--A merry and meaningful Christmas and New Year to all!

Ethel Allen
Mrs. Walter Birkhold
Gini & Ennis Brown
George & Virginia Bruckman
The Bruckmans - Steve, Rhonda, J.R. & Chip
Harold, Ruby, Sally, Chad & Carol Cline
Bob & Esther Clipp
Maude Donahue
Ethel & Henry Flowers
Bill & Joan Franklin
Earl & Reba Fusselman
Art & Flo Huddleston
Ramona Ketner
Carl & Mildred Linn
The Mullens, Mike, Pat, Sara & Steve
Delores Overmeyer
The Bill Schilling Family
Mrs. Dorothy Schmidt
Carrie Smelser
Homer & Hortense Stevenson
Fern Strole
The Taylors, Ben, Val, Ken, & Larry
Grace Truby
Linda, Joe, Erin & Brian Wiley
Mary Wilhelm

SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS OF THE CHURCH BOARD - DECEMBER 14, 1980

At a special Board meeting during Church School, approval was given to a recommendation from the Worship and Pastoral Relations Committee that changes our secretarial pattern in January of 1981. Barbara Short will be freed two days a week for 32 weeks of the year for Clinical Pastoral Education. The secretarial work will be done in a new partnership operation utilizing Barbara Short and Diane Johnson on a regular basis with Barbara Short working 28 hours average during the year and Diane working 18 hours average.

The second motion eliminated the percentage allotment for Outreach during December, and is throwing all giving into Operating Funds in order to pay full budgeted amounts from it for Associated Churches and Acts Commitment and then full payment of all operating bills. If any funds are available after that, they will be applied to Week of Compassion and Basic Mission Finance of the Christian Church.

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ship. We will climax with the traditional lighting from the Christ Candle. Jerry Zimmerman will begin an Organ Concert at 10:30 P.M. in preparation for this night of worship and celebration.

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER - DECEMBER 21-27

Cory Church (21)
Archie Hendrick (22)
Elaine Feaser (22)
Diana Duly (23)
Rodger Hendrickson (23)
William Crouse (24)
Michael O'Laughlin (24)
Richard Thompson (24)
Mark Williams (24)
Hortense Stevenson (24)
Susan Watson (25)
Suzette Lowenstein (25)
Carolyn Falbe (26)
Elizabeth Dull (26)
Gertrude Heavin (27)
Michele Reeves (27)

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20
6:00 P.M. Staff Christmas dinner at Cline's

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21
7:15 A.M. Bell Choir
8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
5:30 P.M. Chi Rho
5:45 P.M. N.T. Class
6:45 P.M. Caroling-State School

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24
7:00 P.M. Family Worship
11:00 P.M. Christmas Eve Candle-lighting Worship

DISCIPLES SINGLES FELLOWSHIP:

In addition to inviting our college students to Y.E.S. Class on Sundays at 9:30, there are these activities:

8:00 P.M., Wed., Dec. 31 - New Years Eve Party with Susan Jones, 6929 Premiere.

7:30 P.M., Sat., Jan. 3 - Holiday Party at West Creighton.

7:00 P.M., Sun., Jan. 4 - January DSF at Clines, 5705 Fernwood.

COMMITMENTS FOR 1981:

Total Com. - 145 - $91,342
Increases - 65 - $10,000
Remaining the same - 65
Decreases - 11 - $ 4,743

If you have not brought your commitment in to date, please mail it TODAY! These are needed now!

CHRISTMAS OFFERING:

Special envelopes in Sets and Pews and for a Christmas Outreach offering. These undergird the Outreach ministries of the Christian Church. This is over-and-above giving for others. Join in the special Christmas offering!

IMPORTANT MEETING:

January Board of Trustees has been changed by the Moderator to 7:30 P.M., Tuesday, January 13. The Stewardship-Finance Committee and all chairpersons will meet for budgeting purposes at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, January 6.

Mr. & Mrs. Ralph E. Church
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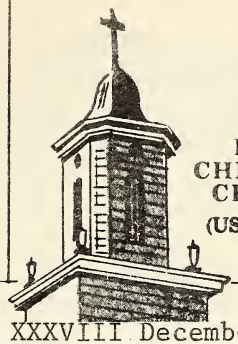

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JESUS IS BORN! - PRAISE GOD FOR HIS LOVE! SPREAD THE NEWS!

7:00 P.M. - CHILDREN'S AND FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP
A short service of carols, Pepito's story and the response of children to "What would I give the Christ child if I had no money?" and a Birthday Celebration for Baby Jesus will highlight the birth event.

11:00 P.M. - CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHTING WORSHIP
An Organ Concert by Jerry Zimmerman from 10:30 to 11:00 P.M. Several of our college and career singles will assist in the service along with the Chancel Choir. The climax comes with receiving and bearing the light of the Christ Child.

CHRISTMAS SUNDAY WORSHIPS ON DECEMBER 28
Carols, Becky Stucky soloist, Chancel Choir - Sermon by Dr. Cline: "Seeking and Saving the Lost" Read Luke 19:1-10 and Matthew 10:1-42. Communion -- Completion of 1980 in worship and study.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM THE CHURCH STAFF

May this prayer speak out our love and joy to you this season:
"Keep in your heart the Christmas Star;
Keep in your eyes the Christmas gleam;
And keep in the New Year the Christmas Dream."

Harold E. Cline	*Roger Niblick*	*Jerry Zimmerman*
Gary D. Nunnally	*Diane Johnson*	*Mel Busse*
Barbara Short	*Ann Hayes*	*Shirley Callahan*

SERVING DECEMBER 28

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Mark Snyder and Robert Johnson

10:45 A.M. Mark Akers and Glenn Miller

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. A. Lee-SW, M. Hutchinson-NW, D. Church, P. Yentes

10:45 A.M. P. Mullen-SW, J. Jump-NW, K. Rogers-SE, W. Bowen-NE, B. Grimm, S. Grimm, G. Davis, N. Lucas

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, Tony & Tim Evans

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson, J. Glasgow, S. White, T. York

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Mike Callahan & Richard Johnson

NURSERY WORKERS

10:45 A.M. N. Harter & Julie Briggs

EXTENDED SESSION

NUR. II - B. & P. Norman

NUR. III - J. Jenkins & M. Mullen

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

697 Mrs. Joan Engle

347 Mrs. Janice Ashton

WEDDING IN REFUGEE FAMILY

Pheung Phomopha and Saleum Mahachanh celebrated a Buddhist wedding on December 6 and exchanged vows in the chapel with Dr. Cline on December 21, 1980.

THANK YOU

"Thanks to friends for cards, visits, and prayers while I was in the hospital. Especially thanks to Dr. Cline, Gary Nunnally, Karen Flickinger and Janet Weicker for their visits."

Lois Coleman

LIFE UNITED WITH CHRIST

SHANNON KAY JONES, the daughter of Susan Jones, 6926 Premiere Drive, 747-5135 confessed her allegience to Christ and was united with Christ in baptism during worship. Shannon is a sixth grader at Miami Middle School and is interested in singing, dancing, and drama. She plays in our Youth Bell Choir and was in the Civic Theater production, Gypsie. Her maternal grandparents in our congregation are Arthur and Ruby Mowery. We welcome Shannon in this life commitment to Christ as Lord!

THANK YOU

"As chairwoman of Lay Personnel Committee, I wish to express our appreciation to those who took the time and prayerful effort to submit names to us to consider in forming the Search Committee. Each letter was read in its entirity at our meeting and each name was given serious consideration. We rejoice in your love, support and prayers."

Barb Johnson

"I would like to express my appreciation to Dr. Cline, Gary Nunnally, Karen Flickinger, and Janet Weicker for their visits while I was in the hospital. I would also like to thank all those who sent me get well cards and offered prayers in my behalf."

Walter Bowen

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO ONE ANOTHER IN OUR FAMILY!

We rejoice in the many sharing ONE CARD TO THE WHOLE CHURCH FAMILY! These cards are displayed on the Banners in the Narthex! Allow the list below to extend a personalized Greeting to you along with each one of our community. The ministry of caring love has been aided by donations received with the cards which will be a special gift for the Emily Flinn Home for aged in Marion and the Cleveland Christian Home. $465 has been received with cards to date. A MERRY AND MEANINGFUL CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR TO ALL!

Miriam Bixenman & Peg Buskirk
Walter Bowen
The Branstrators
Mel, Barb, Chris & Matthew Busse
Ralph, Judy, Cory & Dan Church
Andy Cook
Charline Craig
Bill & Hazel Crouse
Harold & Colyn Crowder & family
Amelia Dare
Geneva Ferguson
Ed & Rosalie Hall & family
Mary Lou Hartzler
Jim, Bev, Heath, Westin Hudlow
Leon & Ruby Johns
Susan & Shannon Jones
Jim, Leesa, Kristi, Kelli & Kyle Jump
Ralph & Jackie Keller
Bill & Marge Lehman
Margaret & Bert Leversee
Bill & Margaret Love
Franklin & Rachel McGuire
Arthur & Ruby Mowery
Glenn & Lola Miller
The Morys - Dick, Diane, Kevin, Eric & Danny
Harold & Edna Nordblom
Carole Overmyer
Earl & Ruth Plummer
Don, Barbara, Ryan & Mary Martha Short
Jack, Doris, Tim & Laura Sauerwein
Pearl & Henry Schroeder
Bill & Anna Taylor
Jack & Janet Weicker
Josephine & John Weyer
Roxy Wunderlich
Tom, Laura, Gary & Tony York
The Zieglers
Jerry, Sandy, Eric & Mark Zimmerman

MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER
DECEMBER 28 - JANUARY 3

John Mathis (28)
Steven Powell (28)
Sarah Smith (28)
Jack Bickel (29)
Kathy Lee (29)
Lucille Branstrator (29)
Celestia Walters (29)
Anita (Petty) Shirar (31)
Carole Lee Davis (2)
Marvin Roseberry (3)
Scott Johnson (3)

THANKS!

Thanks to our Chancel Choir for the music of the Christmas Cantata on Sunday! I am aware of your joy in the learning and singing of the music. It was a joy to our congregation. It is a blessing when Jesus becomes a song in our hearts! Thanks to Ann, Mel, Jim, Jerry and all the choir!

Harold E. Cline

CHURCH CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

7:00 P.M. Children's & Family Christmas Eve Worship

11:00 P.M. Candlelighting Christmas Eve Worship (Organ concert from 10:30 to 11:00 P.M.)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25

Christmas Day

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

5:45 P.M. New Testament Class

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29

1:00 P.M. Living the Adventure

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31

8:00 P.M. DSF New Year's Party, Susan Jones, 6926 Premiere

CAROLING EXCITEMENT!

Our two nights of Christmas Caroling had strong response. On the 14th, 96 persons rode the two buses and visited 14 of our Special Care Persons and families with caroling. On the 21st, 29 persons visited one of our Special Care persons and several buildings at the State School.

The large number of children on the 14th added enthusiasm and a dimension that we do have children growing up and doing and serving in our congregation.

Thanks to all who shared in this expression of Christmas to our community!

MAKE COMMITMENT FOR 1981:

Pledges - 158		$ 96,759
Same as '80 - 74		
Increased - 74		10,360
Decreased - 10		4,084

We need to hear from others -- We had 277 estimates for 1980 totalling $147,593! Send forms today or place in offering Sunday!

BOTH CHI RHO AND CYF WILL NOT MEET ON DECEMBER 28 BECAUSE IT IS CHRISTMAS WEEKEND. WE WILL MEET AT OUR REGULAR TIME 5:30 P.M. SUNDAY, JANUARY 4.

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES FOR DISCIPLE SINGLES FELLOWSHIP

The DSF (both college and career) are invited to the home of Susan Jones, 6926 Premiere, starting at 8:00 P.M. on Wednesday night, December 31 for a New Year's Eve Party.

On Saturday, January 3 at 7:30 P.M. there will be a Holiday Party at West Creighton Christian Church, 845 W. Creighton. All persons are asked to bring 50¢, your favorite appetizer, and a friend.

Our monthly DSF meeting will be at 7:00 P.M., Sunday, January 4 at the Clines, 5705 Fernwood. First Christian is responsible for providing snacks, so bring your favorite appetizer.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING AND END OF YEAR GIVING!

All special Christmas offering and regular giving for 1980 must be received in the church office no later than noon, December 31. All members and friends are asked to make every effort possible to be current in giving for the year end! Needs far outstrip giving as usual!

Our Christmas offering to date is $ 759. We hope to exceed $1,000! Some are giving a Christ Birthday offering of $19.80.

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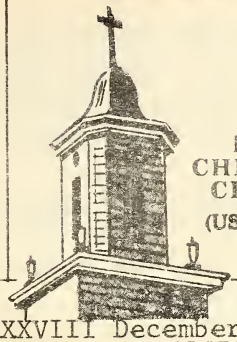

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GREETINGS IN THE NEW YEAR OF 1981!

Preaching is one of the joys of the pastoral ministry. It is an awesome responsibility week after week. At times it seems like a relentless task. Sometimes is seems impossible to meet needs of such a divergent congregation. The Bible has so much to say to life that time and possibilities seem very limited. Nonetheless, I call it a personal joy and privilege in my saner moments.

As I close out this ministry with you, I have pondered much the sermons. My last seven sermons based on some of the central issues of the resurrection, stewardship, social relevance, judgment, and evangelism have been consciously planned.

Thus I move into this final month of preaching with you seeking to herald some core issues of the Christian faith as it is imbedded in my life. I invite your preparation in Scripture and Hymns as well as your regular hearing during the worship hours.

January 4 - "KNOWING THE GOD OF LIFE" - Matthew 22:32; Lamentations 3:22-33; Psalms 90:1-17; Psalms 102:1-28; HYMNS - "God of Our Life, Through All the Circling Years". "O God, Our Help in Ages Past", "Great Is Thy Faithfulness."

January 11 - "PARTICIPATING IN THE PURPOSE OF GOD" - Ephesians 1:3-10. HYMNS - "I Am the Church", "Ev'ry Morning Is Easter Morning".

January 18 - "MEETING CHRIST REMAKES LIFE" - Romans 12:1-21 -- The first eight chapters of Romans is the preface for this sermon.

January 25 - "ENTRUSTING ONE ANOTHER TO GOD" - Ephesians 3:14-21, Philippians 1:3-11; Colossians 1:3-14.

I would invite your prayers and presence for these sermons!

Harold E. Cline

SERVING JANUARY 4

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Mark Snyder and William Franklin

10:45 A.M. Bert Leversee and Dean Widler

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M.

10:45 A.M. K. Flickinger-SW, K. Crawford-NW, H. Stevenson-SE, J. Stucky-NE, J. Briggs, K. Rogers, J. Bickel, M. Callahan

USHERS

8:15 A.M. G. Bruckman, D. Smith, D. Pomeroy

10:45 A.M. A. Cook, H. Stevenson, G. Bozarth, B. Wyant

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Mildred Hutchinson & Jo Franklin

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

9:00 A.M. M. Akers - L. York
R. Church - D. Johnson
R. Johnson - G. Davis
J. Weicker - B. Grimm

IN HOSPITALS

LUTHERAN:

622 - Mrs. Ethel Birkhold
697 - Mrs. Joan Engle
429 - Dennis Hendrickson
767 - Mr. Al Devries

CALLING FOR BOOKS:

Dr. Cline would appreciate all personal cassett tapes and books with his name on or in to be returned as quickly as possible.

THE PANTRY AND FOOD BANK SUPPLIES WERE HARD HIT THIS PAST WEEK! NEEDS INCLUDE: CANNED MEAT, CANNED FRUIT AND VEGETABLES, PEANUT BUTTER AND CRACKERS.

IMPORTANT MEETINGS:

7:30 P.M. Monday, January 5 Combined meeting of Membership Committee and Mini-Bus Task Force.

7:30 P.M. Tuesday, January 6 Combined Meeting of Stewardship Finance Committee and Committee Chairpersons.

7:30 P.M. Tuesday, January 13 Board of Trustees Meeting - Annual reports, Search Committee nominations, 1981 Working Budget and other items.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

This group is open for any men to join its meaningful sessions. This month it will meet: 7:00 A.M., Saturday, January 3 - "The Recovery of Family Life", and 7:00 A.M., Saturday, January 24 - "The Education of Laymen."

GIVING ENVELOPES FOR 1981

These were mailed out on Tuesday, December 30 in order to be in your hands for Sunday, January 4. If any do not receive them, please contact the church office. We are anxious for regular usage by all children, youth, and adults that we may give regularly as income is received and proportionately to our income.

AREA PASTOR MOVING:

Mark Richardson, Pastor of First Christian Church in Kendallville, will be assuming the pastorate at First Church in Frankfort, Indiana on February 1.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO ONE ANOTHER IN OUR FAMILY!

We rejoice in the many sharing ONE CARD TO THE WHOLE CHURCH FAMILY! These cards are displayed on Banners in the Narthex! Allow the list below to extend a personalized Greeting to you along with each one of our community. The ministry of caring love has been aided by donations received with the cards which will be a special gift for the Emily Flinn Home for Aged in Marion and the Cleveland Christian Home. $542 has been received with the cards!

Andy Benny
Jack, Pam, Danny & Emily Bickel
The Grimms - Merle, Betty, Steve and Bruce
Bob, Bev and Nance Hendricks
Delores and Scott Keebortz
Becki and Gary Nunnally
Mary Piatt
Gene, Anne, and Jim Shirley

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MEMBERS FOR INTERCESSORY PRAYER - JANUARY 4 - 10, 1981

Velma Hechler (4)
Patricia Campbell (4)
Ardith Wrisk (4)
Clair Buskirk (4)
Linda Wiley (4)
Bill Caldwell (5)
Ramona Ketner (5)
Miles Driver (6)
Eva Rousseau (6)
Pauline Meadows (7)
Ken Taylor (7)
Jim Heiney (8)
Bill Schilling, Jr. (8)
Julius Clausen (9)
Myrtle DeVinney (10)
Gwynth Rice (10)
Mike Callahan (10)

As we weekly list names of persons who are celebrating birthdays, we are encouraging our members and friends to pray for one another. These lists are weekly both in TIDINGS and the Sunday bulletins. They are the basis for the Morning Prayer Cell daily for our members. Some persons use the list for daily personal prayer time. Others use the list for a special prayer time before worship on Sunday morning. Some groups use the list for prayer reminders. When we had Celebration Worship, each weekly list was prayed for by name. This is one method of undergirding one another in prayer. Others are reminded of birthdays and send greetings or make personal contacts. May we let love and caring abound within our fellowship!

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3

7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast
7:30 P.M. Holiday Party - DSF - West Creighton Christian

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
4:30 P.M. Bell Choir
5:30 P.M. Chi Rho & CYF
5:45 P.M. New Testament Class
7:00 P.M. DSF at Clines, 5705 Fernwood

MONDAY, JANUARY 5

10:00 A.M. Study Group
1:00 P.M. Living the Adventure
7:30 P.M. Membership Committee & Mini-Bus Task Force

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6

7:30 P.M. Stewardship Committee/ Committee Chairpersons

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8

9:15 A.M. Rachael Group, Library
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

N.T. BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

The Church School Class with Dr. Cline will finish Matthew on Jan. 4 and then do a survey of Mark on Jan. 11; Luke on Jan. 18; and John on Jan. 25.

The Sunday Evening Class will do Mark on Jan. 4; Luke on Jan. 11; and John on Jan. 18.

The class will continue under Interim Pastoral leadership.

ATTENTION BELL CHOIR!

We resume practice this Sunday from 4:30 to 5:30 P.M. Your attendance is very important. We will be playing at other churches as well as at our own.

New music must be learned for an anticipated trip this spring.

DISCIPLES SINGLES FELLOWSHIP

HOLIDAY PARTY, this Saturday, January 3 at 7:30 P.M. at the West Creighton Christian Church, 845 W. Creighton Ave. All persons are asked to bring 50¢, your favority appetizer, and a friend!

MONTHLY DSF MEETING will be this Sunday, January 4 at the Cline home, 5705 Fernwood. Since First Christian is hosting this meeting we are responsible for providing snacks - bring a favorite sppetizer to this event too!

COMMITMENTS FOR 1981

This Sunday the 4th is the deadline for commitments to be helpful in budget planning for 1981. Many more need to be heard from in order to help the church to plan for the future. Last year we had 277 giving estimates totalling $147,593. We need to hear from 100 more persons or families NOW!

OUR PRESENT COMMITMENT TOTAL:

COMMITMENTS	165	$ 100,310
SAME AS 1980	78	
INCREASED	75	10,412
DECREASED	12	4,354.

CALLING ALL YOUTH!

In addition to regular Bell Choir rehearsal as noted in column one, regular Chi Rho Fellowship and Christian Youth Fellowship for all in grades 6 through high school this Sunday from 5:30 P.M. until 7:00 P.M.! YOU ARE INVITED! COME!